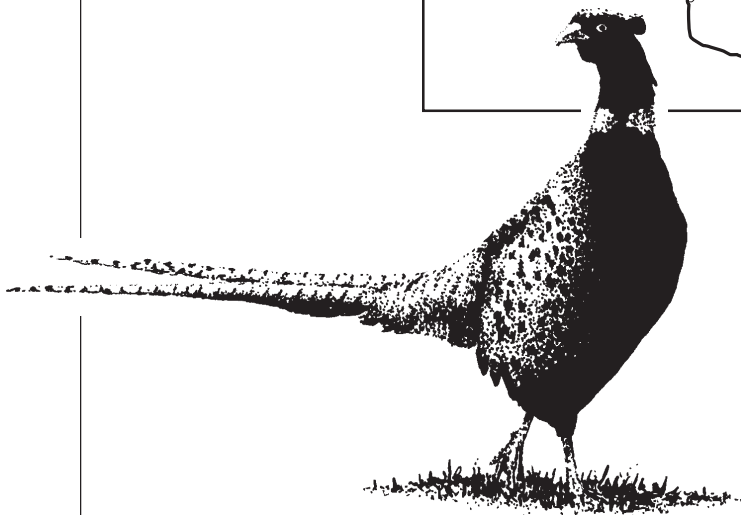
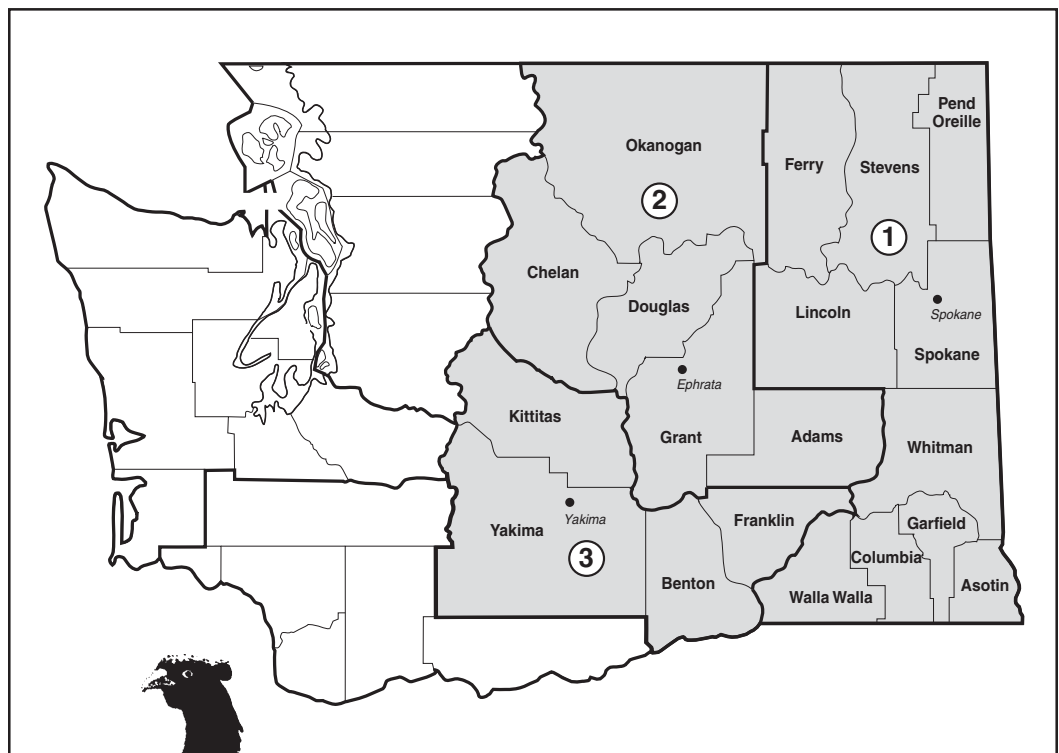


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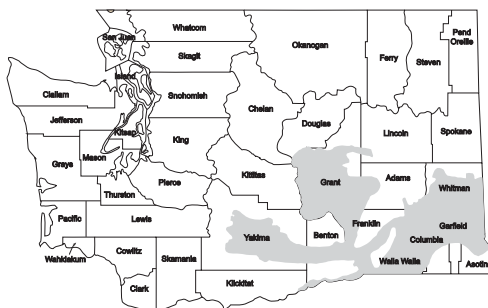
EASTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The Pheasant Enhancement Program was developed in 1997 by the Washington State Legislature. The idea was to develop a dedicated funding source to improve pheasant hunting in eastern Washington. Most of the funds are used to buy rooster pheasants for release on lands that are open for public access. The balance of the money will be available for pheasant enhancement grants to private organizations, individuals, and state or federal agencies.

Since the 1980's pheasant harvest has declined, with a few exceptions during years of favorable spring weather. Habitat loss has been the key problem. In 1991, WDFW initiated a very aggressive habitat enhancement program to address this continual loss. Until these habitat enhancement efforts can be established on a broad scale, the release of pheasants will help supplement harvest and maintain hunter opportunity.

In 1997, the Legislature created the Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Fund using a "surcharge" of \$10 on eastern Washington pheasant hunters. Beginning in 1999 a simplified license system resulted in a single fee for small game hunters. The pheasant enhancement fund will be retained by dedicating a percentage of the small game license fees. It will be based on the number of eastern Washington pheasant hunters.

Primary Pheasant Zone



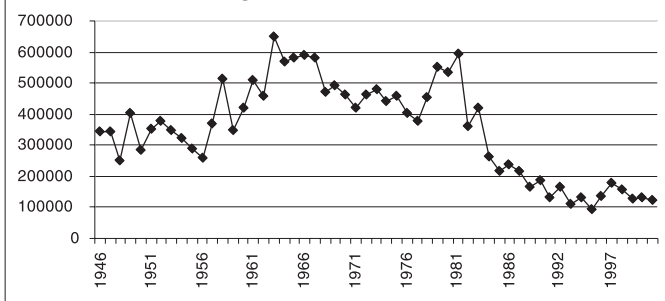
The small game license is \$32.85, it is \$17.52 if purchased with any big game license, and kids under 16 years old pay \$16.43, or \$8.76 with a big game license.

Each year thousands of pheasants will be released on public lands. Those release sites are shown on the maps in this brochure. Pheasants may also be released sporadically on lands open under the Feel Free to Hunt Program. The idea behind the release of roosters in eastern Washington is to supplement the harvest.

Releases will take place for the youth seasons on some of the sites in late September. We do not provide release dates because we want to minimize crowding at the release sites and to promote the highest hunter ethics possible.

Habitat protection and enhancement continues to be the primary goal to maintain pheasant populations and hunting opportunity over the long term. WDFW invests up to \$1.5 million each year on upland bird habitat management. The pheasant enhancement program will provide another \$50,000 per year for habitat enhancements. These habitat enhancement grants are limited to lands open for public hunting within the primary pheasant production area of eastern Washington. Contact one of the eastern Washington WDFW offices for information about the habitat grants.

Washington State Pheasant Harvest



Eastern Washington Regional Offices:

REGION 1

(509) 456-4082
8702 N Division St.
Spokane, WA 99218-1199

REGION 2

(509) 754-4624
1550 Alder St. NW
Ephrata, WA 98823-9699

REGION 3

(509) 575-2740
1701 S 24th Ave.
Yakima, WA 98902-5720



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SMALL GAME HUNTERS

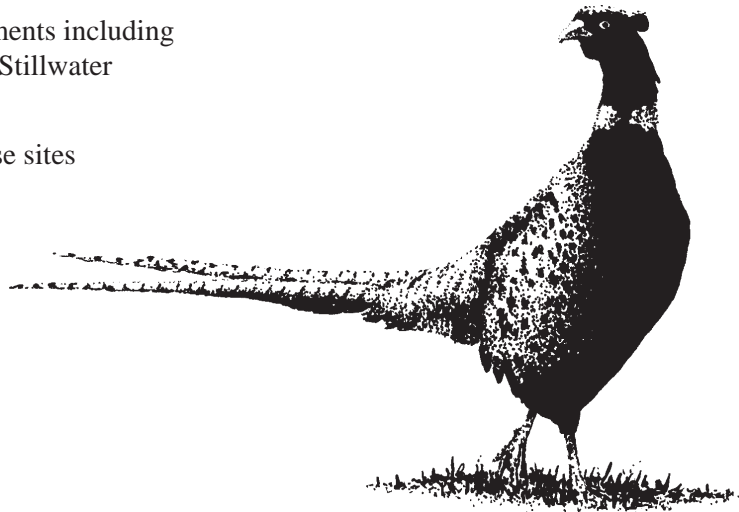
To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is now required for all small game hunting on several pheasant release sites and wildlife areas. If you hunt any of the following areas, you may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading). See page 11 of the 2004-2005 Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet for more information.

Western Washington

Chehalis River pheasant release site
Cowlitz Wildlife Area
Dungeness Recreation Area
Hunter Farms pheasant release site
Lake Terrell Wildlife Area - all segments including Tennant Lake
Raymond Airport pheasant release site
Shillapoo Wildlife Area
Skagit Wildlife Area - all segments
Snoqualmie Wildlife Area - all segments including Cherry Valley, Crescent Lake, and Stillwater
Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area
All Whidbey Island: Pheasant release sites

Eastern Washington

Driscoll Island, Hegdahl, and Kline Parcel segments of Sinlahekin Wildlife Area
Sunnyside Wildlife Area
Bridgeport Bar segments of Wells Wildlife Area
Two Rivers and Wallula Units of USFWS McNary Wildlife Refuge



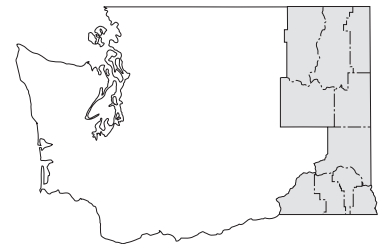
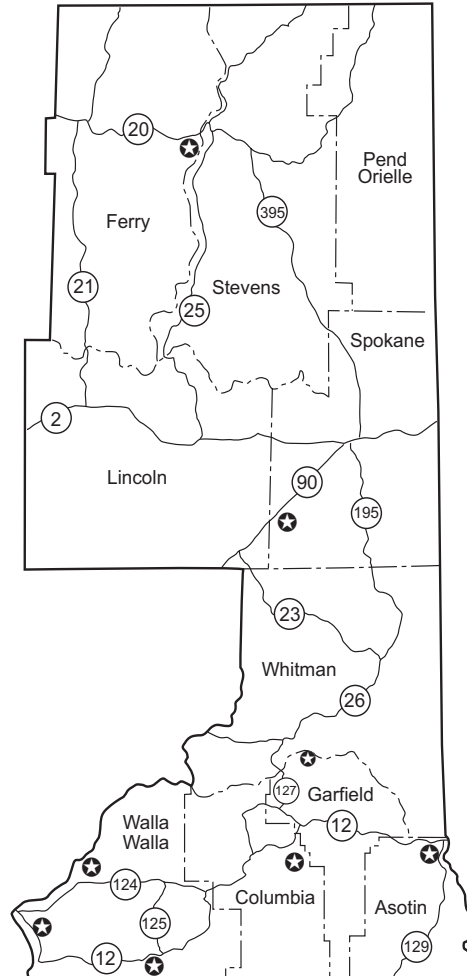
REGION ONE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION



The best pheasant hunting in Region One is along the breaks of the Snake River and other major streams in Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties. This part of the state has retained a more stable pheasant population over the years than areas near the irrigated farms of the Columbia and Yakima river basins.

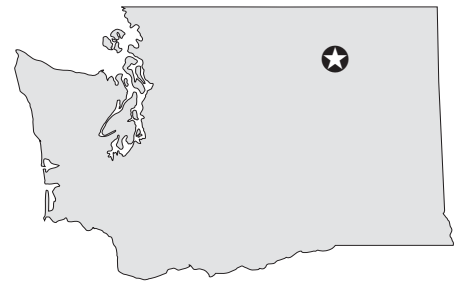
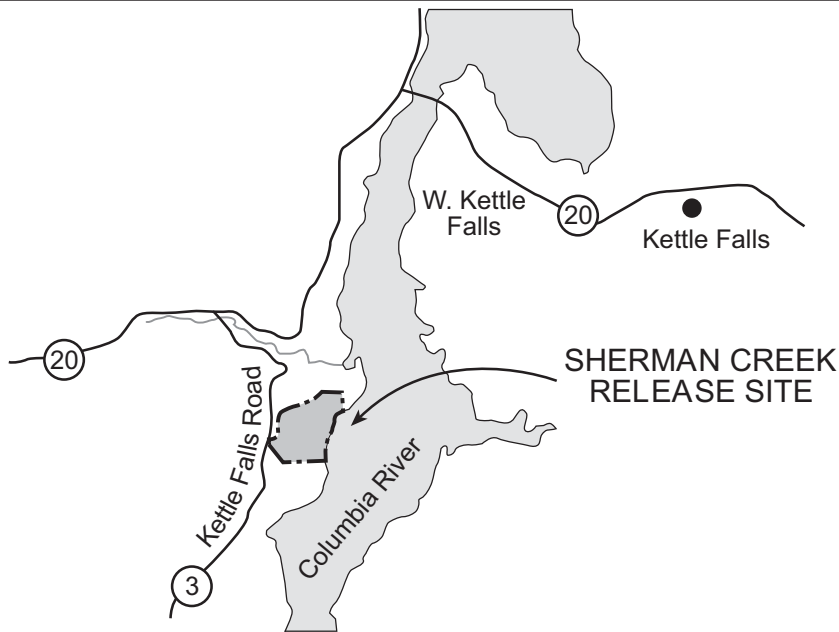
Many of the pheasant release sites in these counties are owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The sites are managed for wildlife as part of mitigation for the Snake and Columbia River dams. In addition to public lands, WDFW's Upland Wildlife Restoration Program has over 400,000 acres of private land open for hunting under access agreements and a small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For information about these lands contact the Region 1 office at 509-456-4082.

REGION ONE



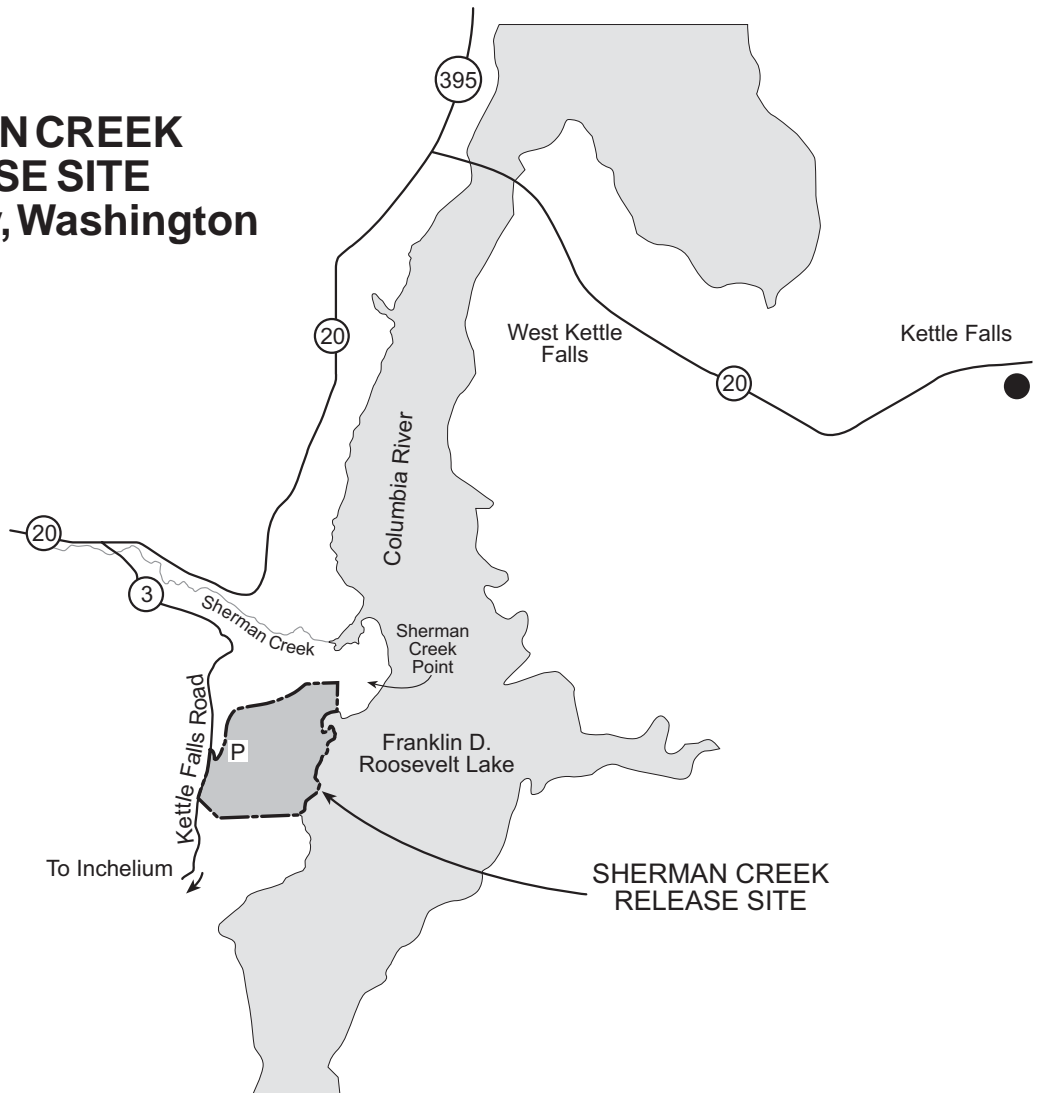
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SHERMAN CREEK RELEASE SITE

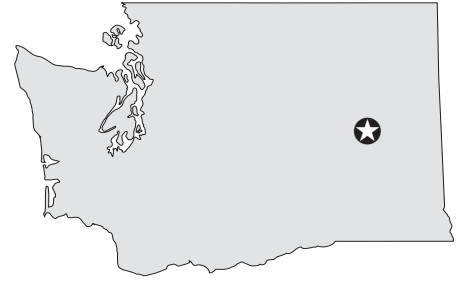
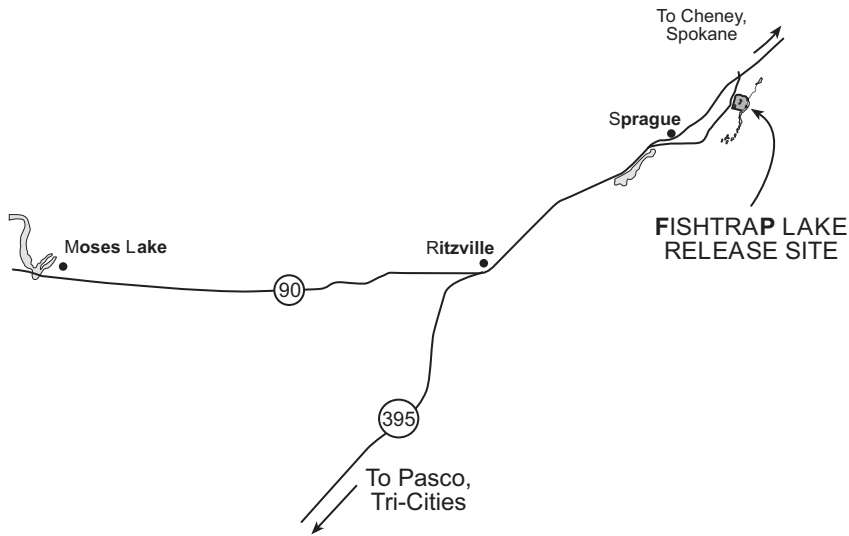


The Sherman Creek Wildlife Area and release sites can be found by going west on Hwy 20 from the town of Colville. After crossing the Columbia River, head south and west on Hwy 20, then south on Kettle Falls Road (Hwy 3) to the Sherman Creek release site.

SHERMAN CREEK RELEASE SITE Ferry County, Washington

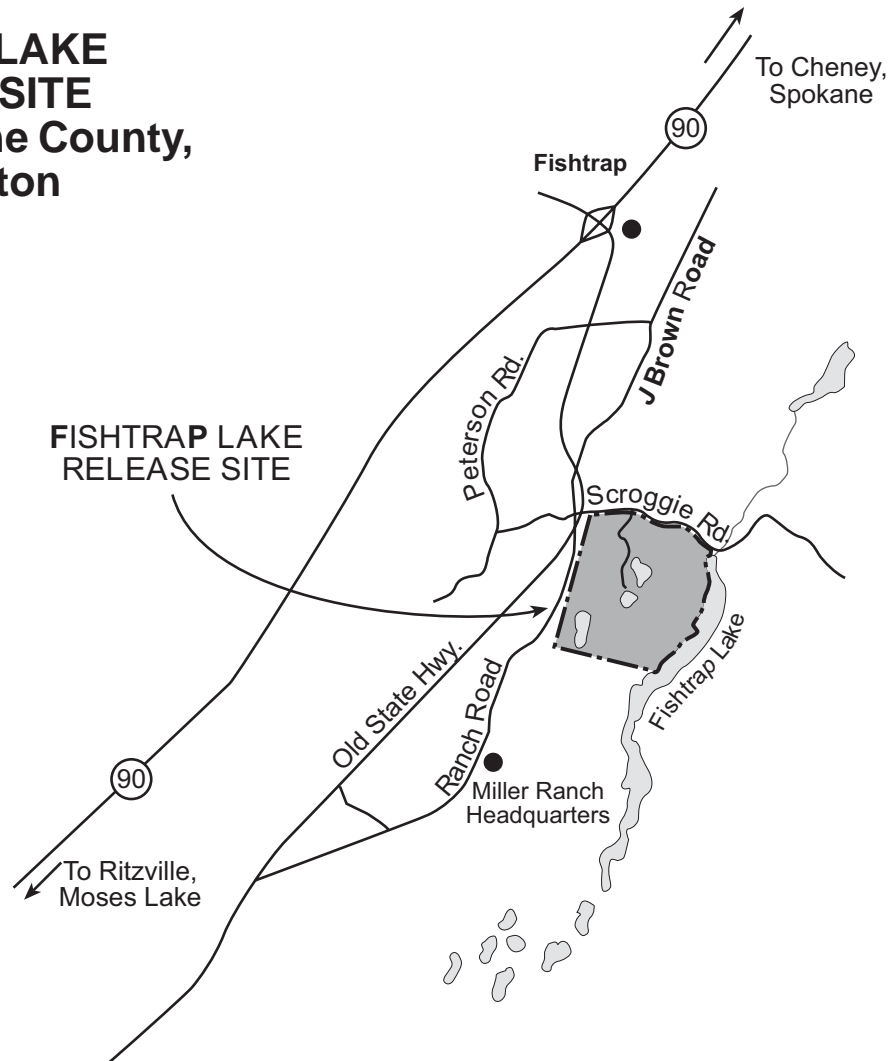


FISHTRAP LAKE RELEASE SITE

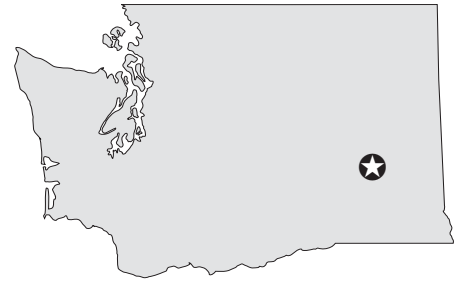
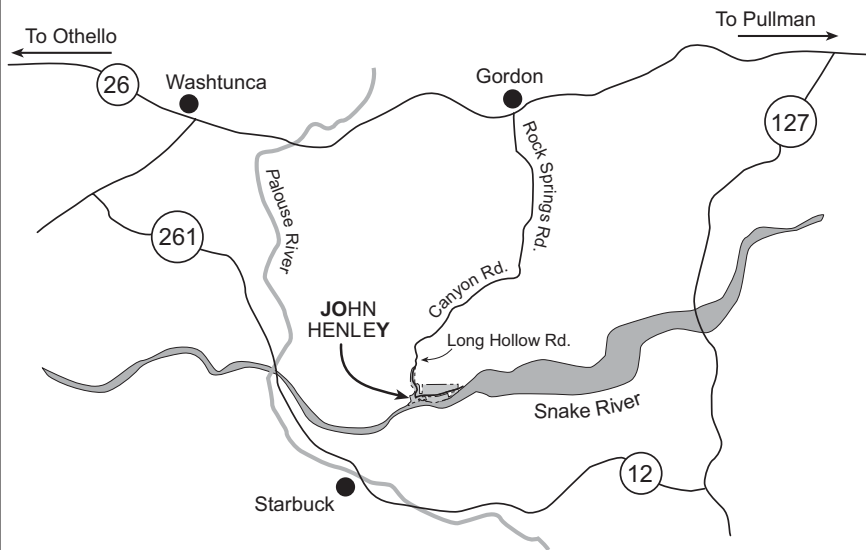


The **Fishtrap Lake release site** can be found by following the signs to Fishtrap Lake from I-90. The Fishtrap exit is approximately 8 miles east of Sprague and is between the towns of Sprague and Cheney.

FISHTRAP LAKE RELEASE SITE Lincoln/Spokane County, Washington

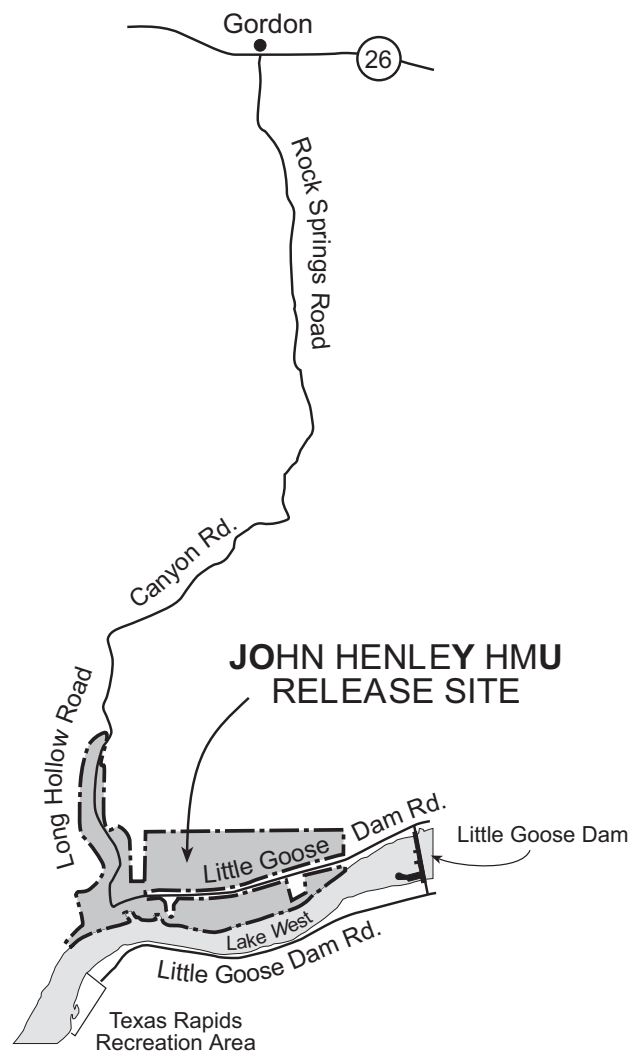


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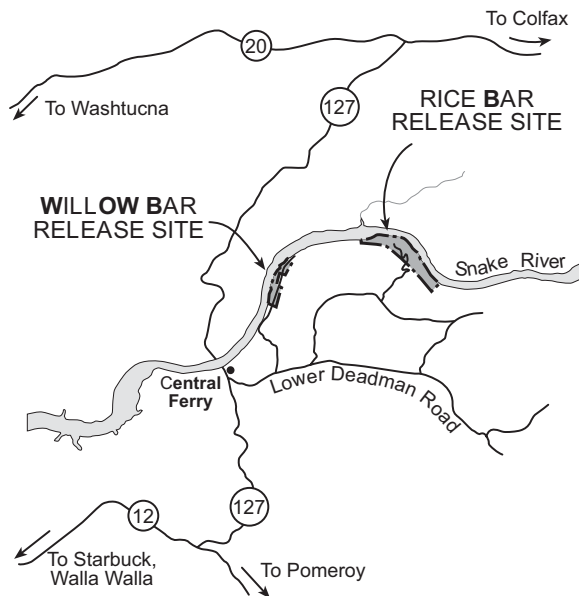


From Washtunca, head east on Hwy. 26 and from Colfax, head west on Hwy 26. At the town of Gordon head south on Rock Springs Road. Go eight miles to Canyon Road, turn west and continue south and west on Canyon Road. Canyon Road turns into Long Hollow Road, continue south to the release site

JOHN HENLEY RELEASE SITE Whitman County, Washington



WILLOW BAR AND RICE BAR HMU RELEASE SITE



This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). To reach the site from Othello, travel east on Highway 26, then south on Highway 127 at the town of Dusty.

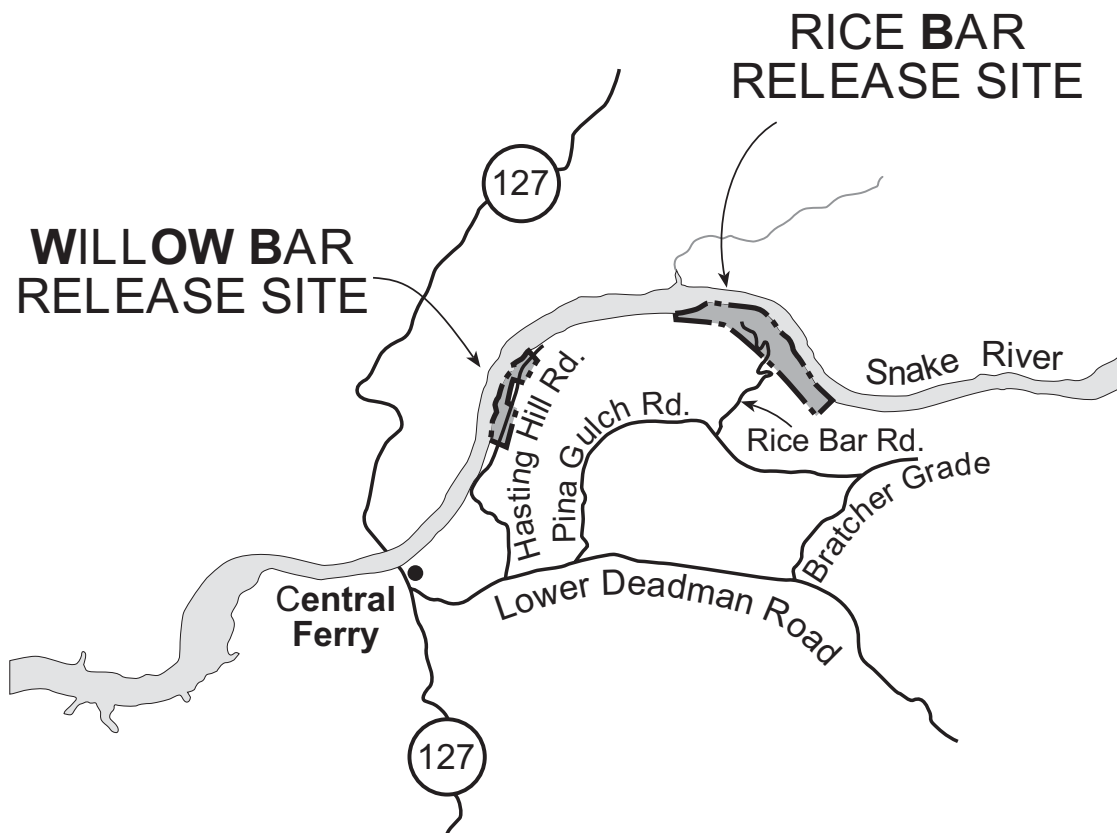
To reach the site from Spokane, head south on Highway 395 to the town of Colfax, then go west on Hwy 26 to Dusty, then travel south on Hwy 127.

From the town of Dayton, head east on Hwy 12 to the very small town of Dodge. From Dodge travel north on Hwy 127.

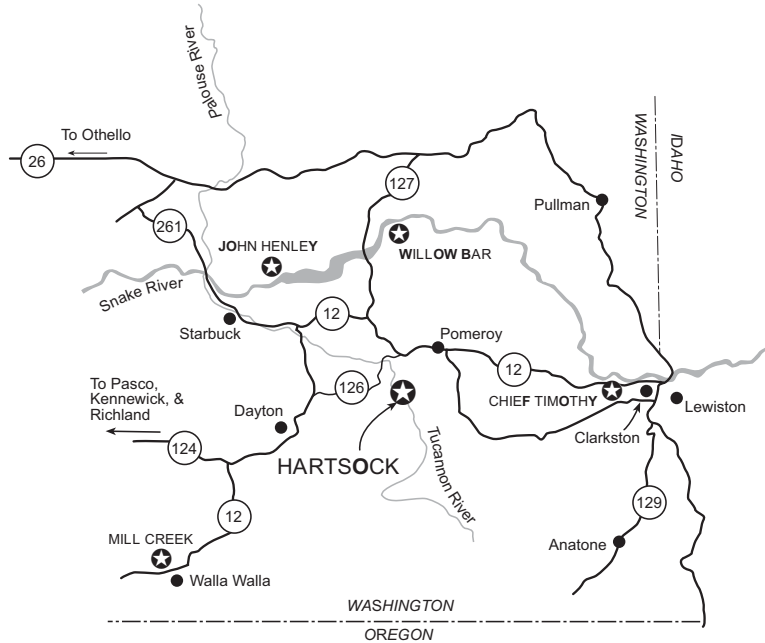
The site is south of the Snake River and can be reached by heading east from Hwy 127 onto Deadman Road, go about 2 miles, then go north on Hastings Hill Road to the site.



WILLOW BAR AND RICE BAR HMU RELEASE SITE Garfield County, Washington



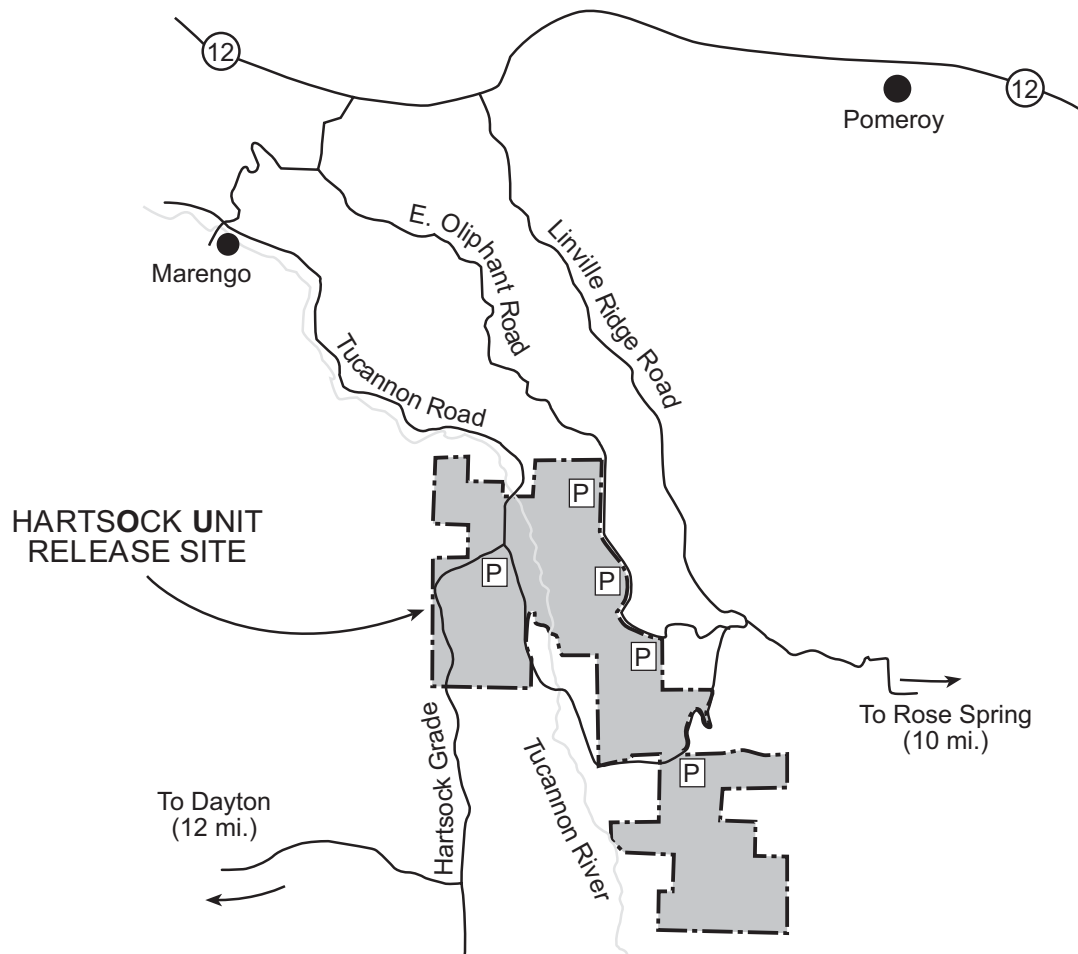
HARTSOCK UNIT RELEASE SITE



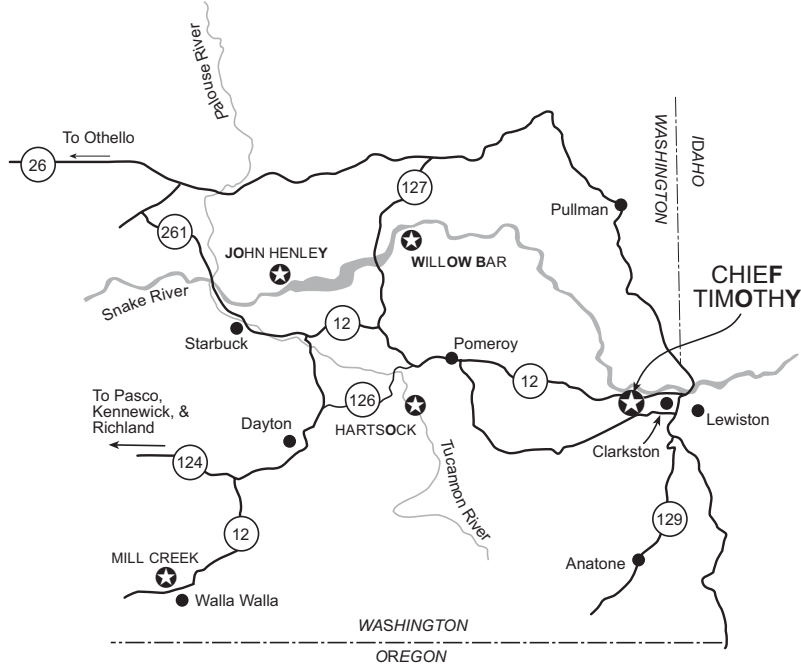
This site is one of several areas managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). It is located between the towns of Dayton and Pomeroy. From Dayton, travel north on Hwy 12 to Hwy 126. Follow Hwy 126 about 11 miles to the small town of Marengo. At Marengo travel south on the Tucannon Road to the site.

From Pomeroy, travel 5 miles west to Hwy 126. Take Hwy 126 south to Marengo, then head south on the Tucannon Road to the site.

HARTSOCK UNIT RELEASE SITE Columbia County, Washington

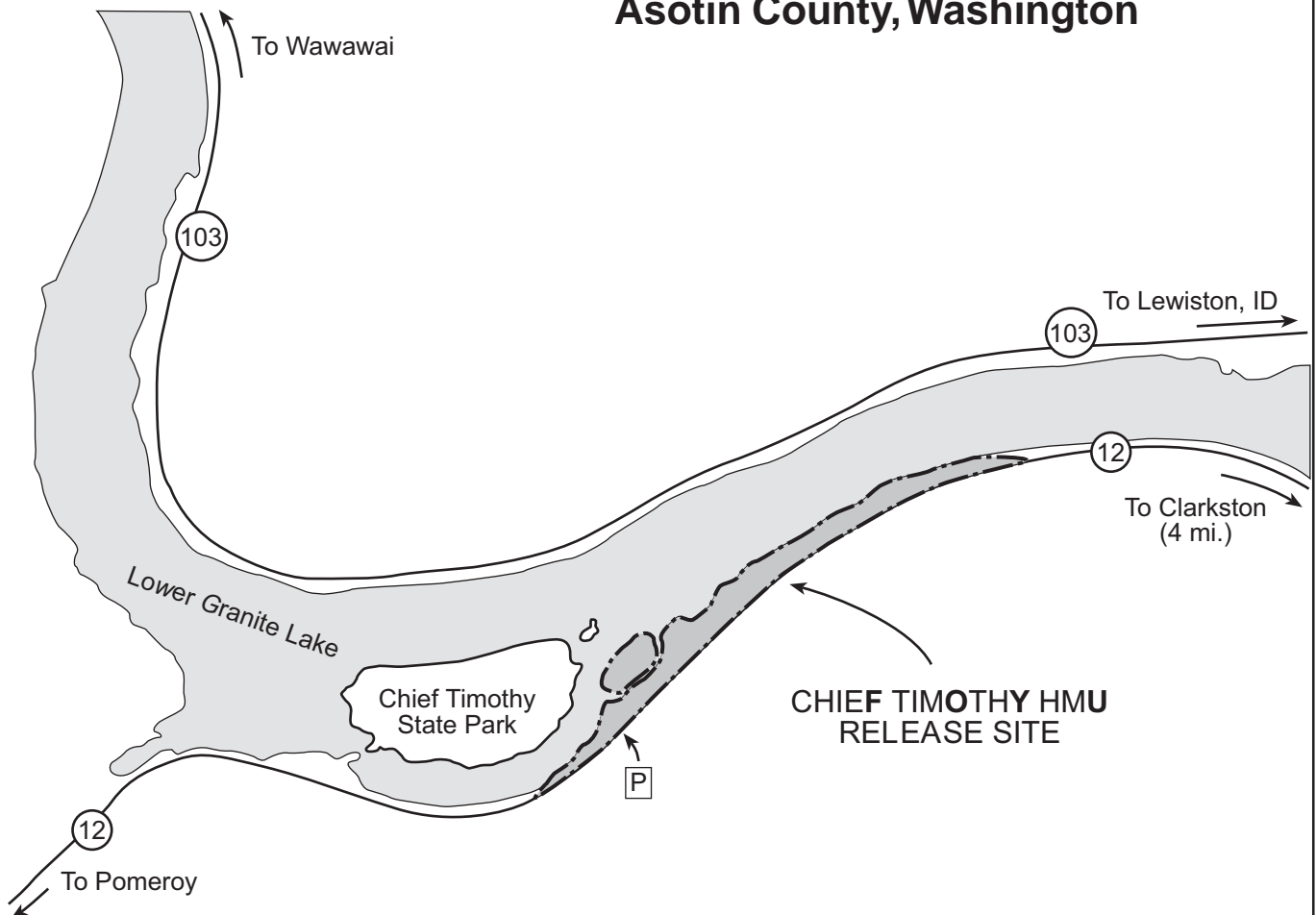


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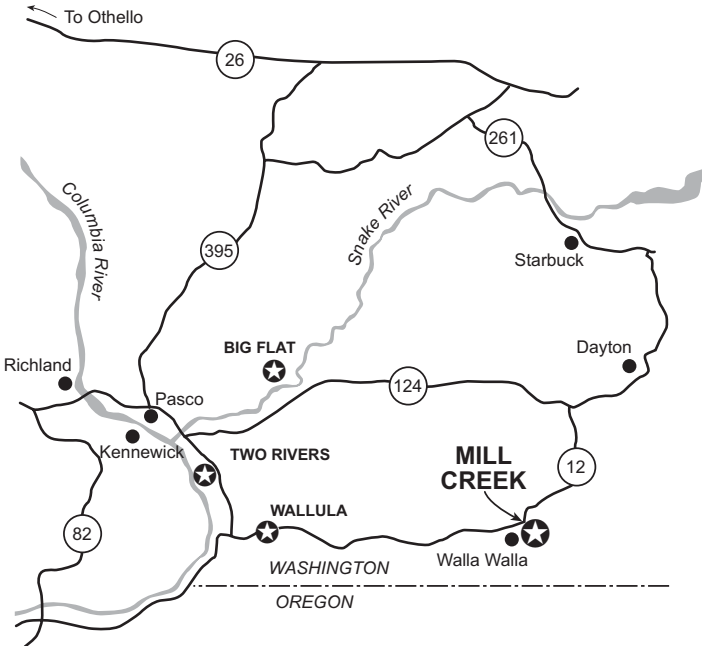


This is another area managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Clarkston, travel west on Hwy 12 about 4 miles. The site is between the Highway and the Snake River.

CHIEF TIMOTHY RELEASE SITE Asotin County, Washington

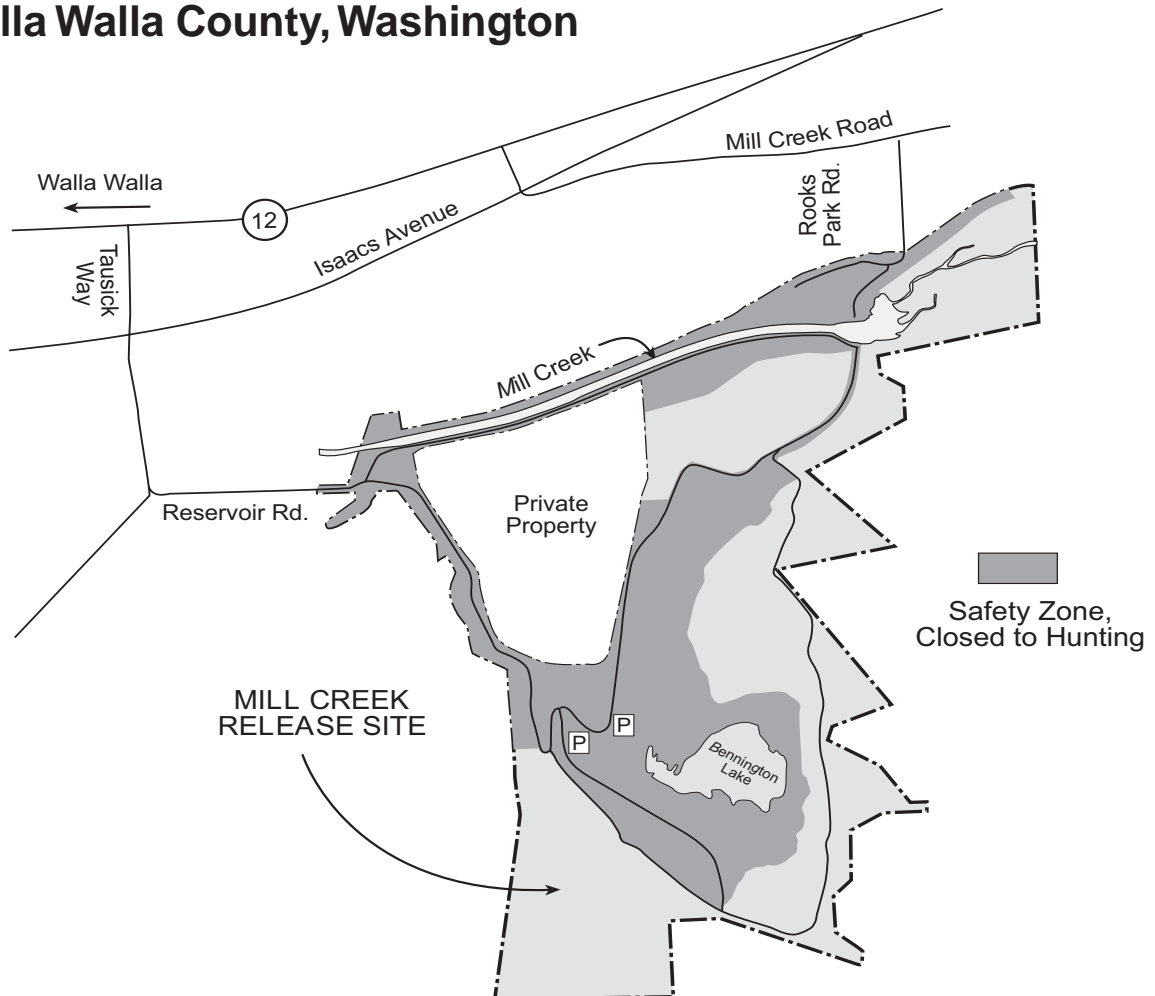


MILL CREEK HMU RELEASE SITE

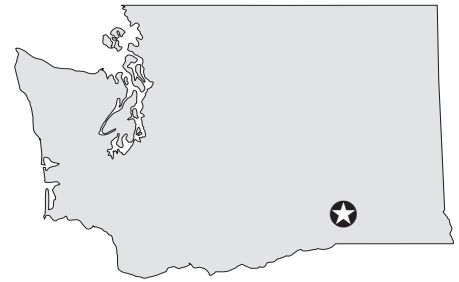
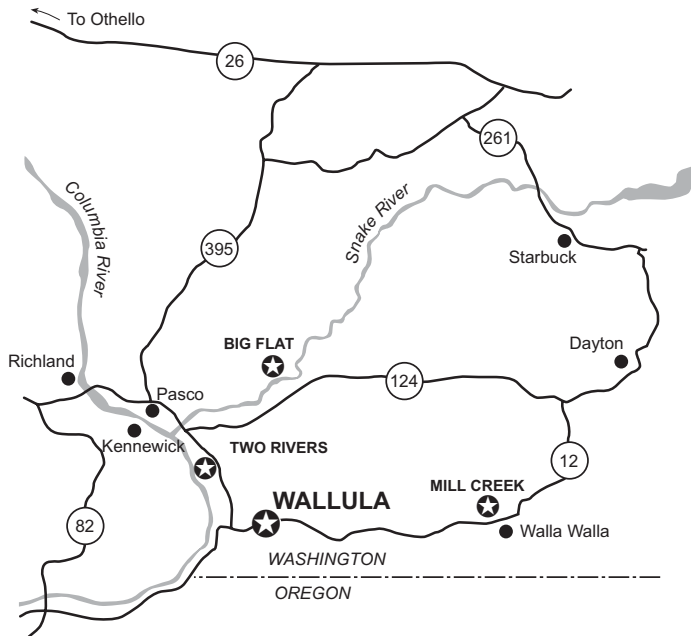


The **Mill Creek** site is located just east of the town of Walla Walla. To find the site, travel east from Walla Walla on Hwy 12 to Tausick Way exit. Go south to Reservoir Road. Go east on Reservoir Road to the Mill Creek site.

MILL CREEK HMU RELEASE SITE Walla Walla County, Washington



WALLULA HMU RELEASE SITE

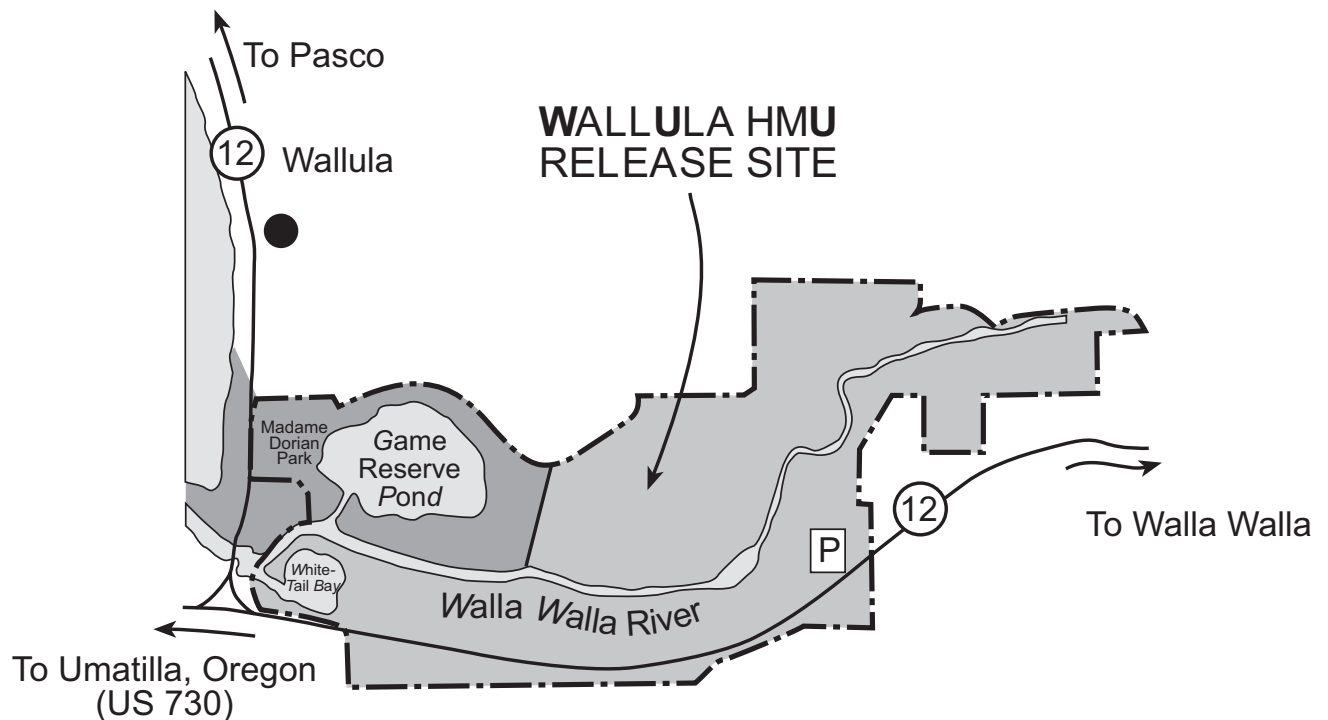


The **Wallula** release site is about 15 miles south of Pasco along Hwy 12. It is a US Army Corps of Engineers managed site along the Walla Walla river.

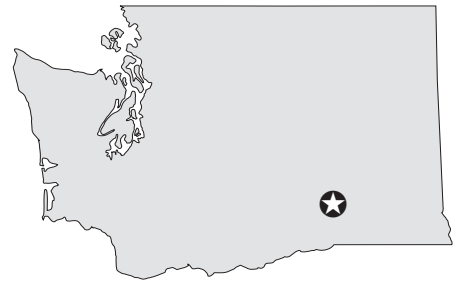
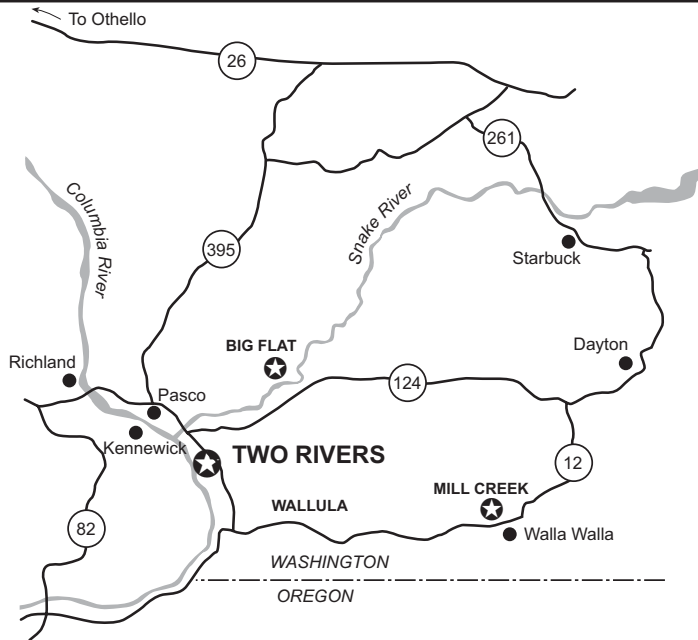
NOTE: USFWS/COE lands may not be available for pheasant releases after 2000 pending changes to USFWS policy.

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WALLULA HMU RELEASE SITE Walla Walla County, Washington



PENINSULA HABITAT MANAGEMENT UNIT RELEASE SITE

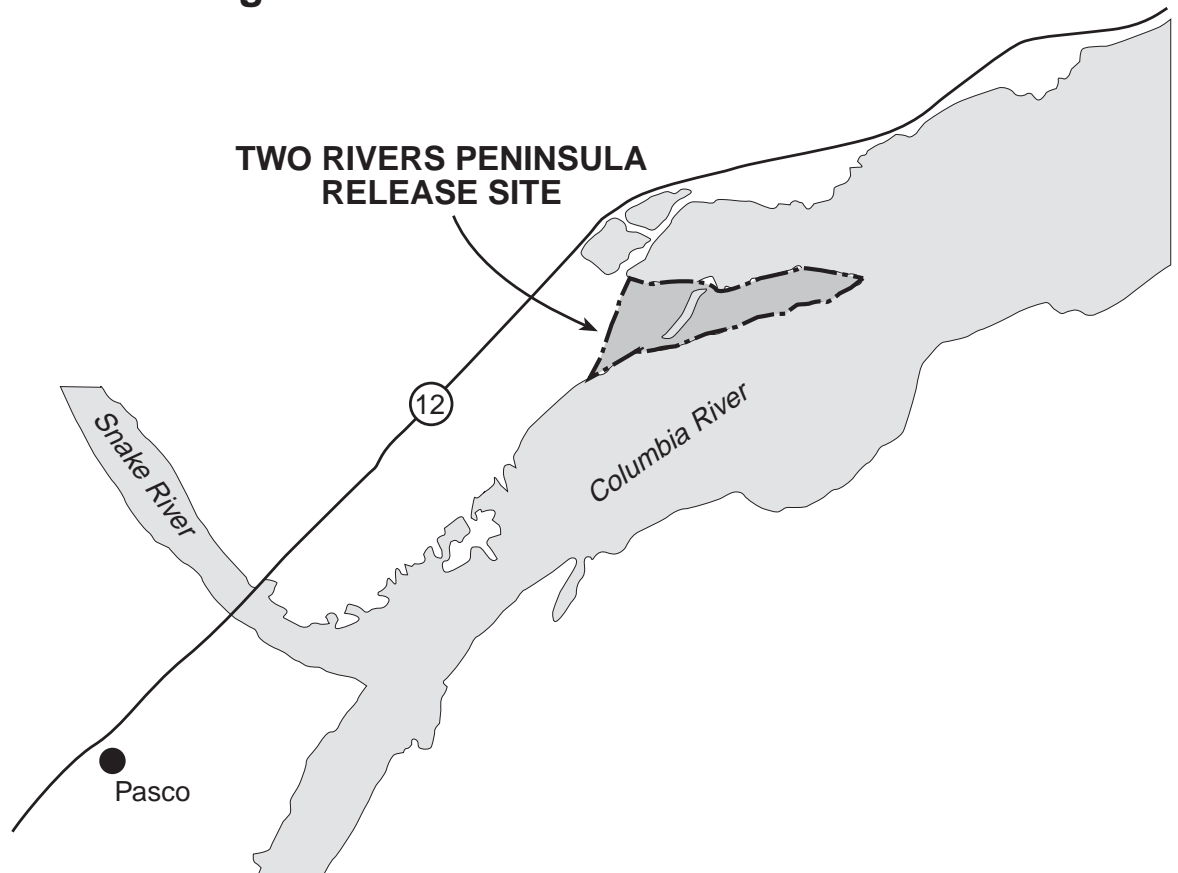


The **Peninsula Habitat Management Unit** is approximately 8 miles south of Pasco. Take Hanson Loop off Hwy 12. It is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

NOTE: Pheasant hunting opens at noon on this unit throughout the pheasant season.

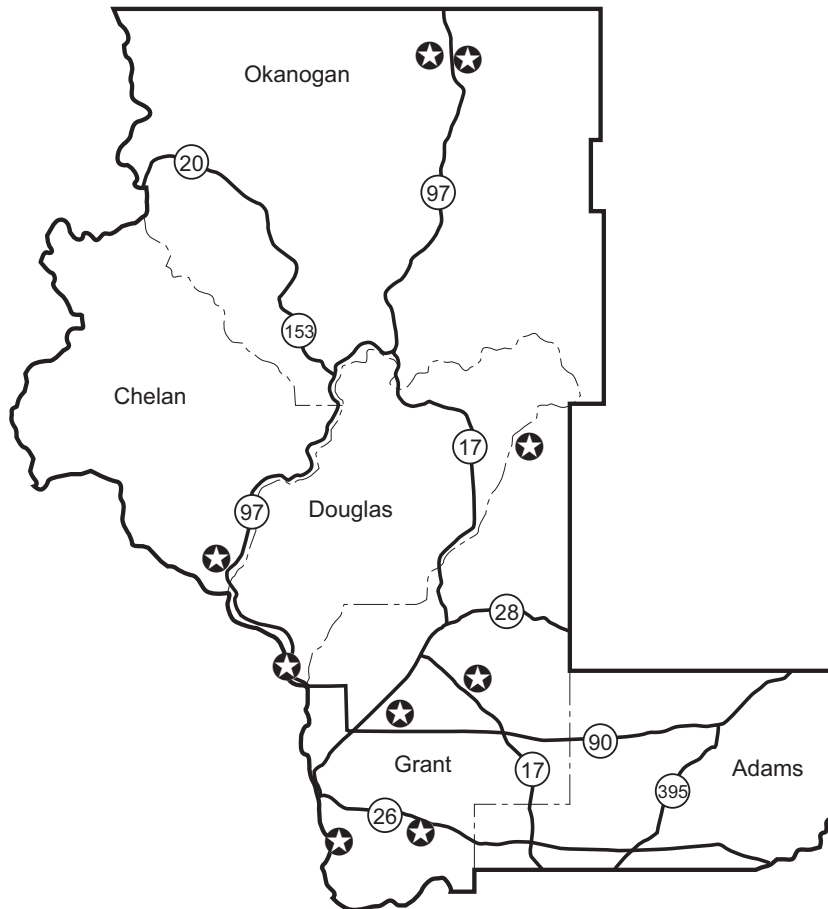
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TWO RIVERS PENINSULA HABITAT MANAGEMENT UNIT RELEASE SITE Walla Walla County, Washington



REGION TWO PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

REGION TWO



The best hunting in Region Two's share of the Columbia basin is in the Moses Lake, Warden, Othello area. WDFW manages several thousand acres in this region. Some of the land is owned by WDFW and some is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation. Since the early 1980's the Columbia basin has experienced significant pheasant declines associated with changes in agricultural practices. For additional maps of public lands with pheasant hunting opportunity, contact the Ephrata Regional office at (509) 754-4624.

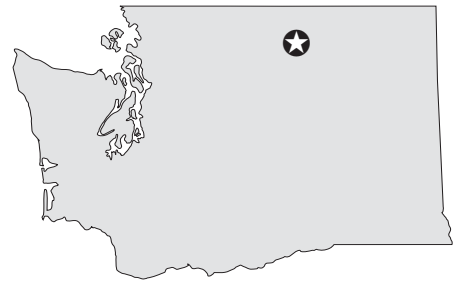
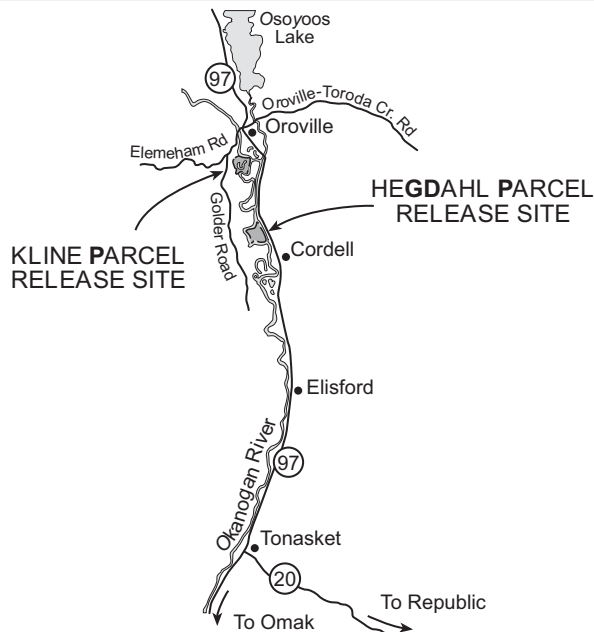
In addition to public lands, WDFW's Upland Wildlife Restoration Program has over 400,000 acres of private land open for hunting under access agreements. For information about lands in Adams and Grant counties contact Gretchen Fitzgerald at (509) 754-6068. For lands in Douglas, Okanogan, and Chelan counties contact Ron Fox (509) 665-3383.

REGION 2

(509) 754-4624
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Ephrata, WA 98823-9699



SINLAHEKIN WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE

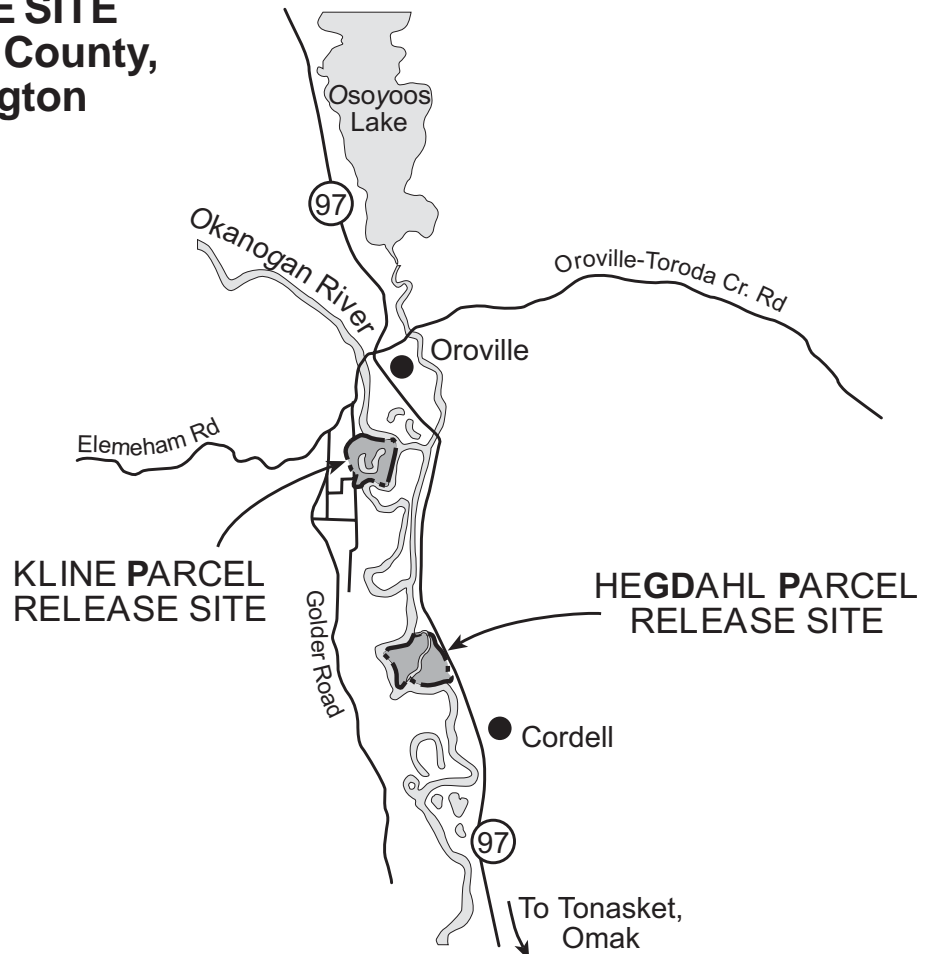


Kline Parcel: From Oroville head south on the west side of the Okanogan River. The Kline Parcel is about one mile south of the town of Oroville.

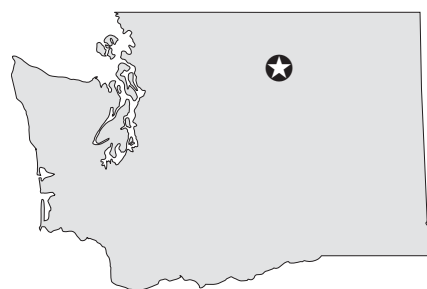
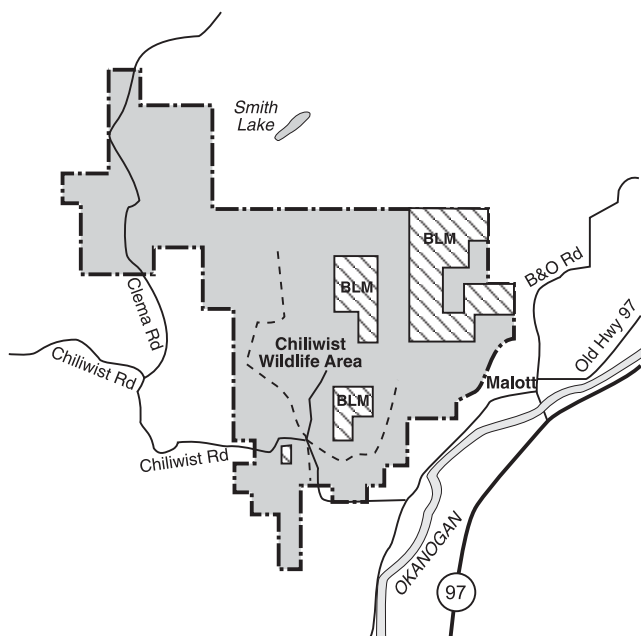
Hegdahl Parcel: The Hegdahl Parcel is about 4 miles south of Oroville off Hwy 97. The site is on the east side of Okanogan River about 11 miles north of the town Tonasket.

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SINLAHEKIN WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE Okanogan County, Washington

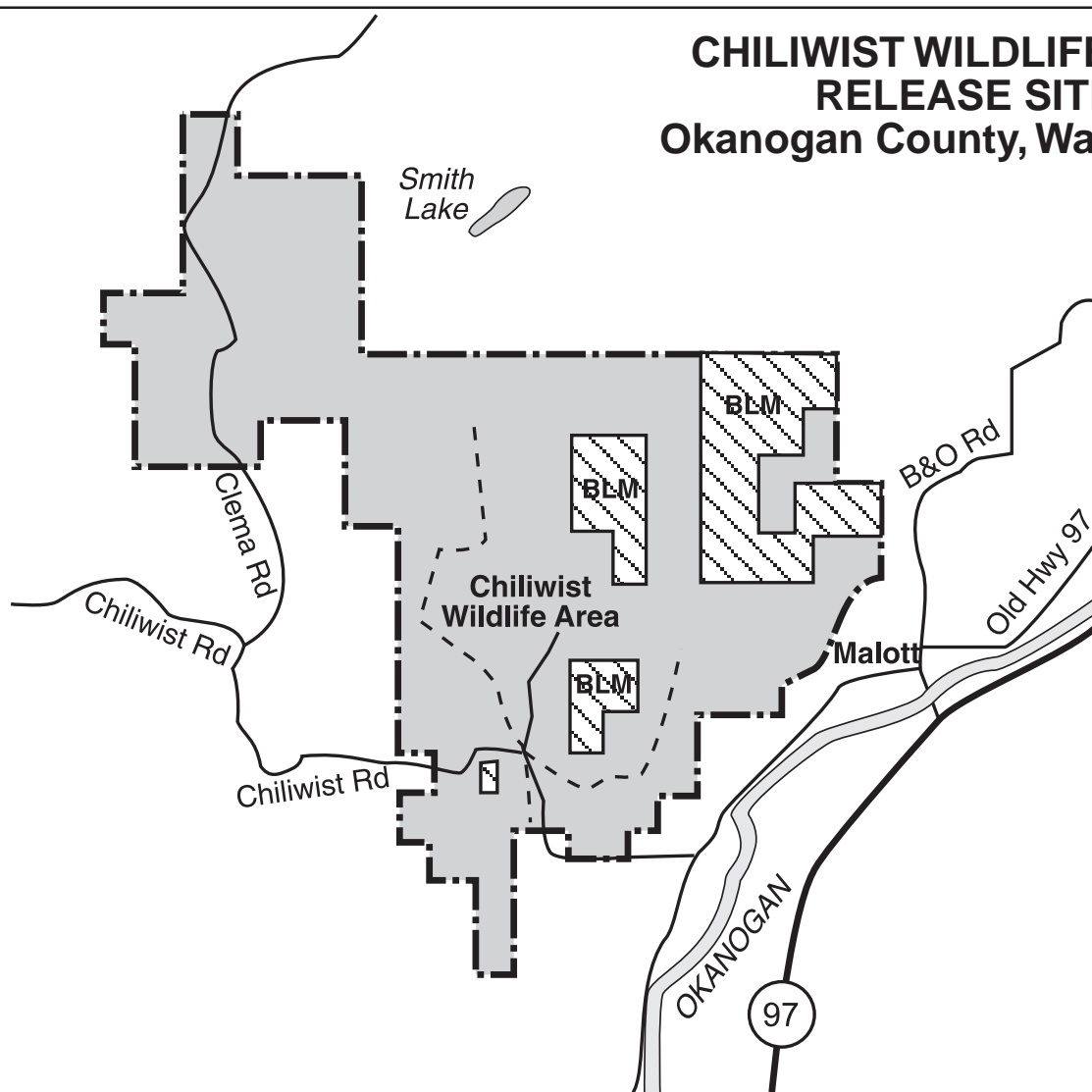


CHILIWIST WILDLIFE AREA

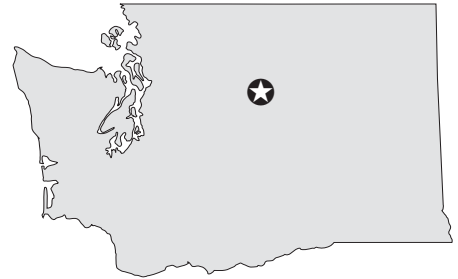
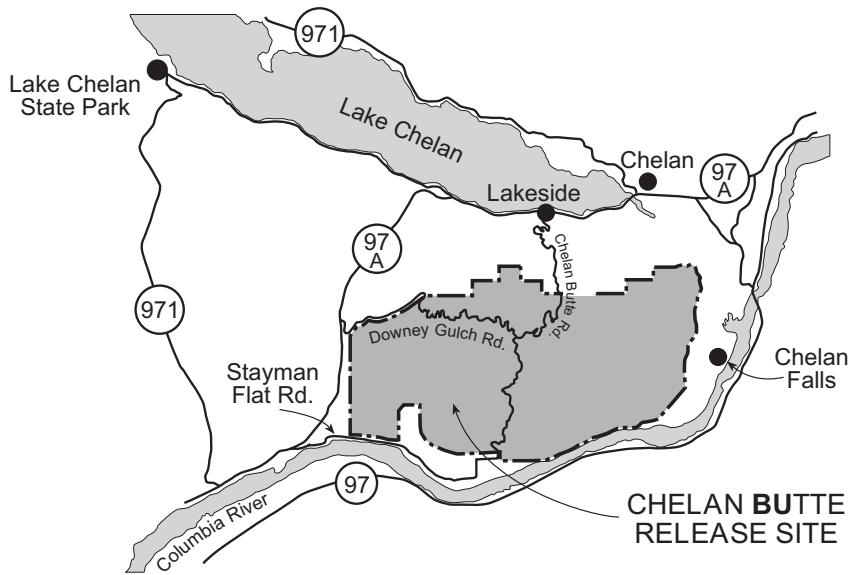


To reach the **Chiliwist Wildlife Area** and release site, travel south from Okanogan on Hwy 20. Continue south on Old Highway 97 through the town of Malott. Head west on the Chiliwist Road to the wildlife area and release site.

CHILIWIST WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE Okanogan County, Washington

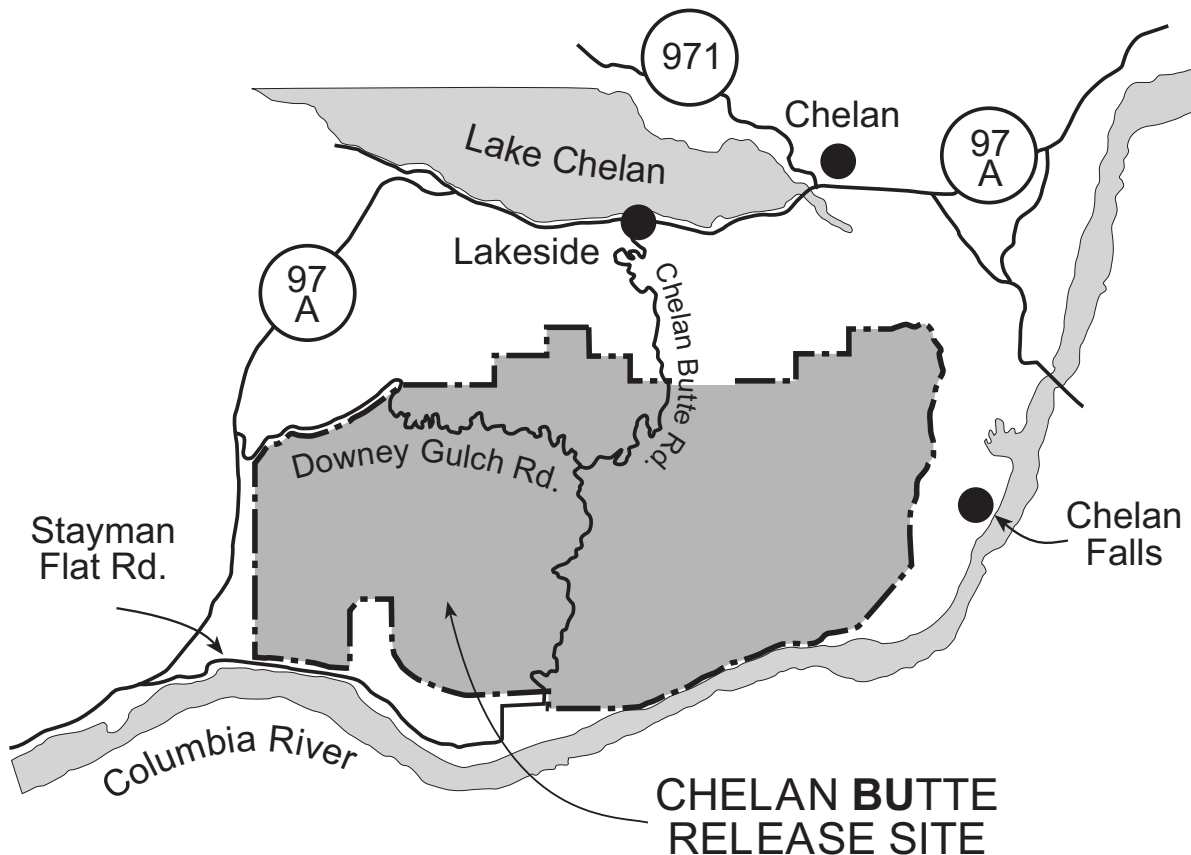


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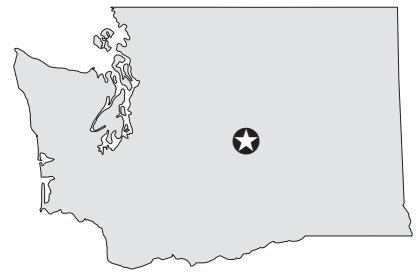
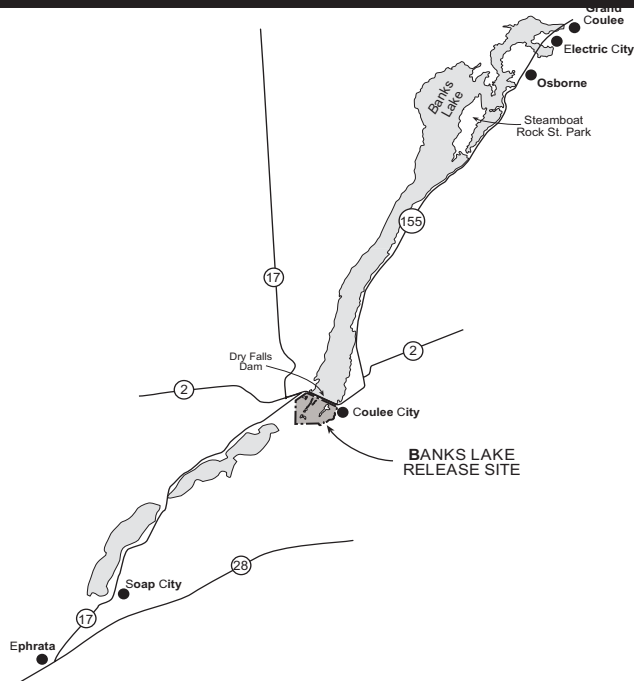


From Chelan head west and then south on Hwy 97 Alternate. Turn left on Downey Gulch or Stayman Flat Roads.

CHELAN BUTTE RELEASE SITE Chelan County, Washington



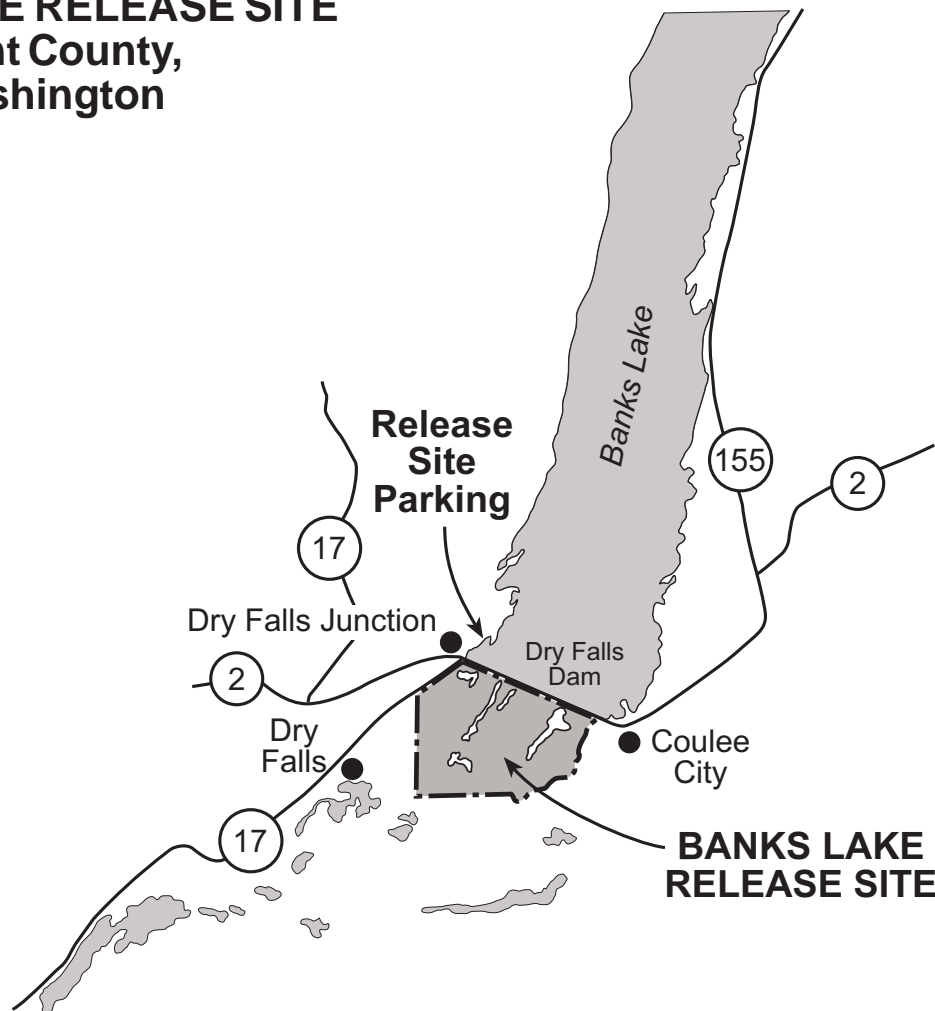
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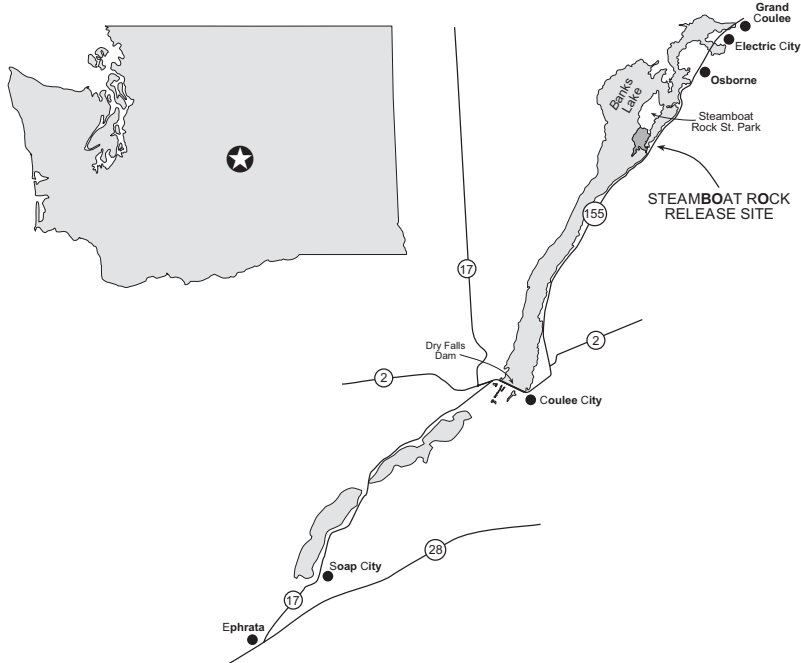
To reach the **Banks Lake** release site from Spokane, travel west on Hwy 2 to Coulee City.

To reach the site from Wenatchee, head east on Hwy 2 to Dry Falls Dam. From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to the junction with Hwy 2. Head east on Hwy 2. The release site is located south of the Dam.

BANKS LAKE RELEASE SITE Grant County, Washington



STEAMBOAT ROCK RELEASE SITE

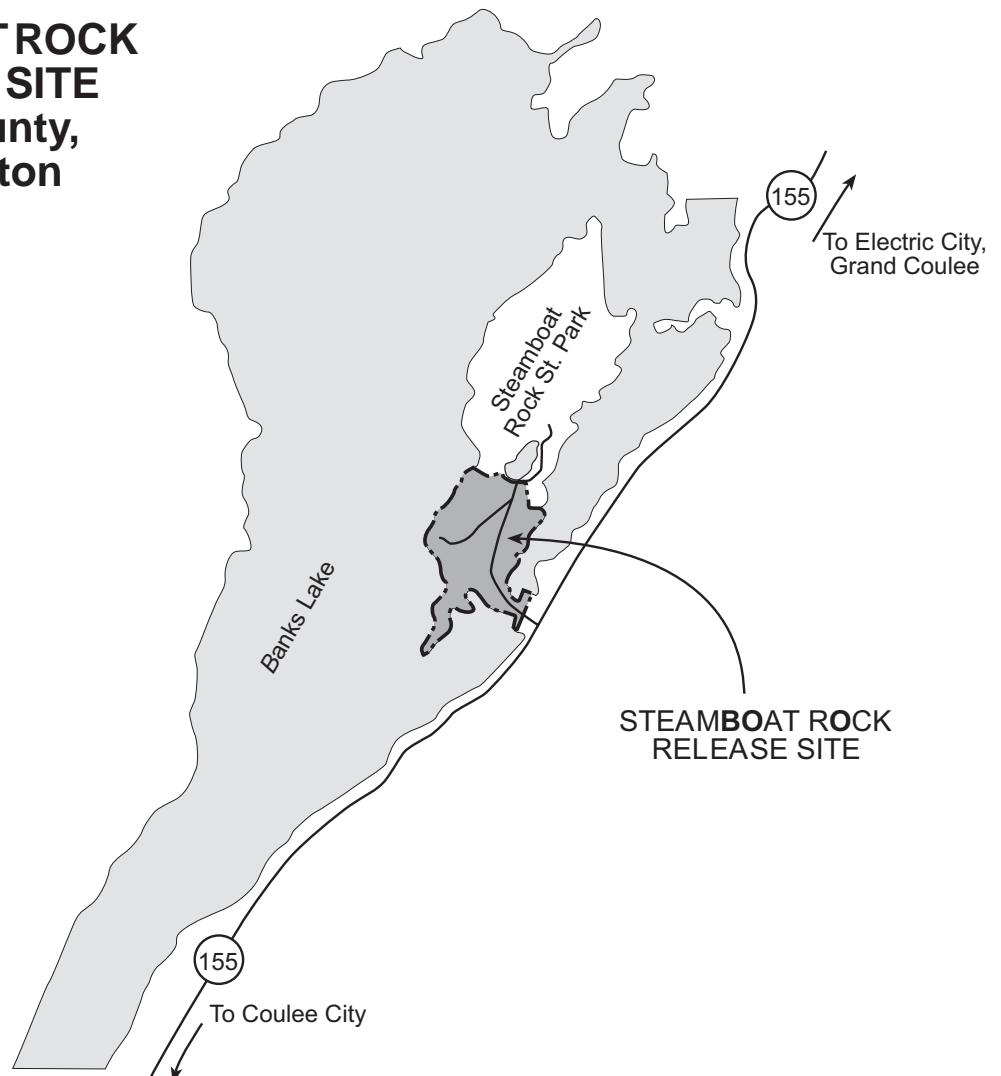


To reach the **Steamboat Rock** release site from Spokane, travel west on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake. Head north on Hwy 155 at Banks Lake about 16 miles to Steamboat Rock Wildlife Area.

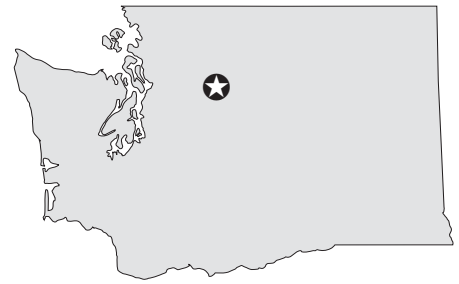
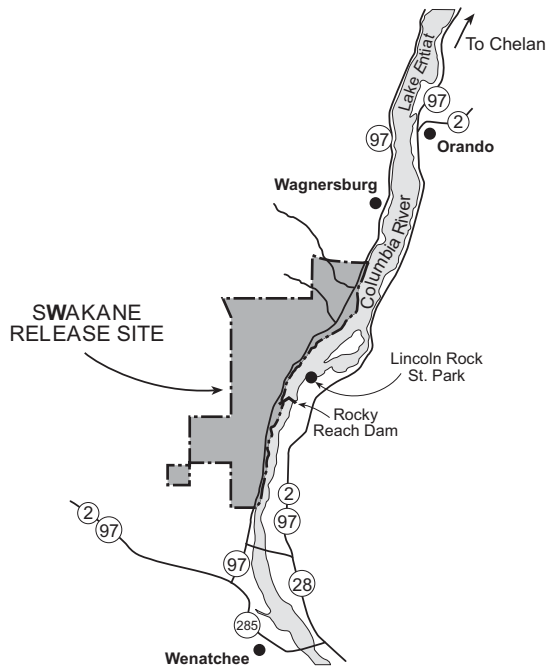
To reach the site from Wenatchee, head east on Hwy 2 to Banks Lake and then go north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock.

From Moses Lake, head north on Hwy 17 to the junction with Hwy 2. Head east on Hwy 2 to the junction with Hwy 155, then north on Hwy 155 to Steamboat Rock release site. The release site is located south of the State Park and is well marked.

STEAMBOAT ROCK RELEASE SITE Grant County, Washington

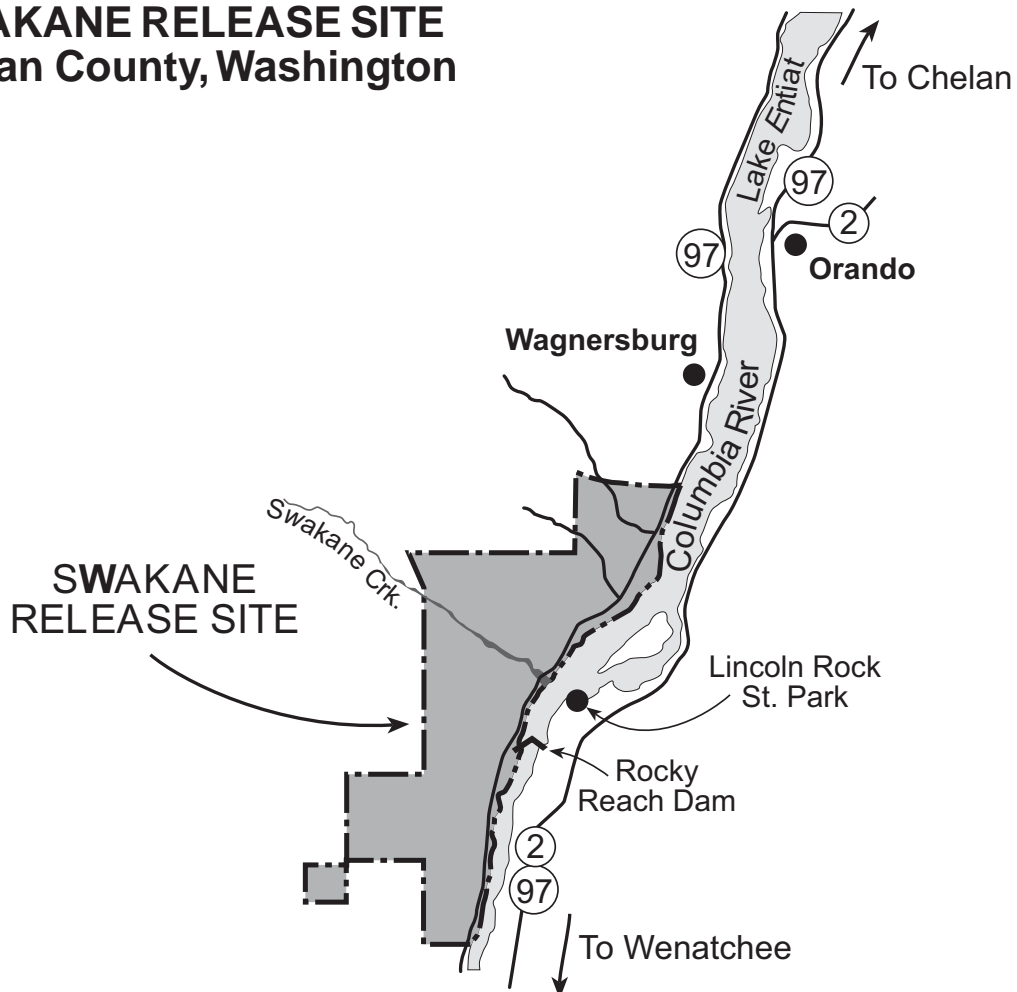


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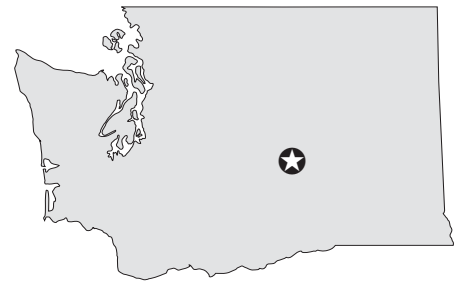
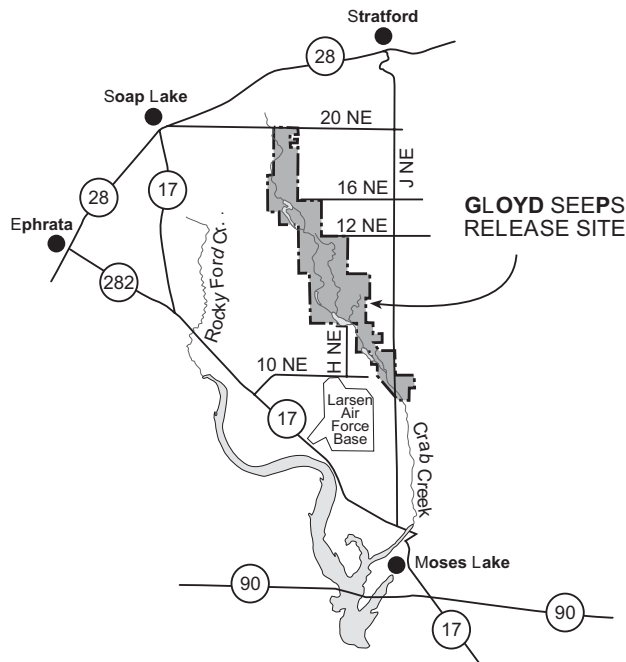


To reach the **Swakane Wildlife Area** and release site, travel north from Wenatchee on Alt. Hwy 97. It follows the Columbia River on the west side toward the town of Chelan. To find the release site, head west up the Swakane Creek Road.

SWAKANE RELEASE SITE Chelan County, Washington

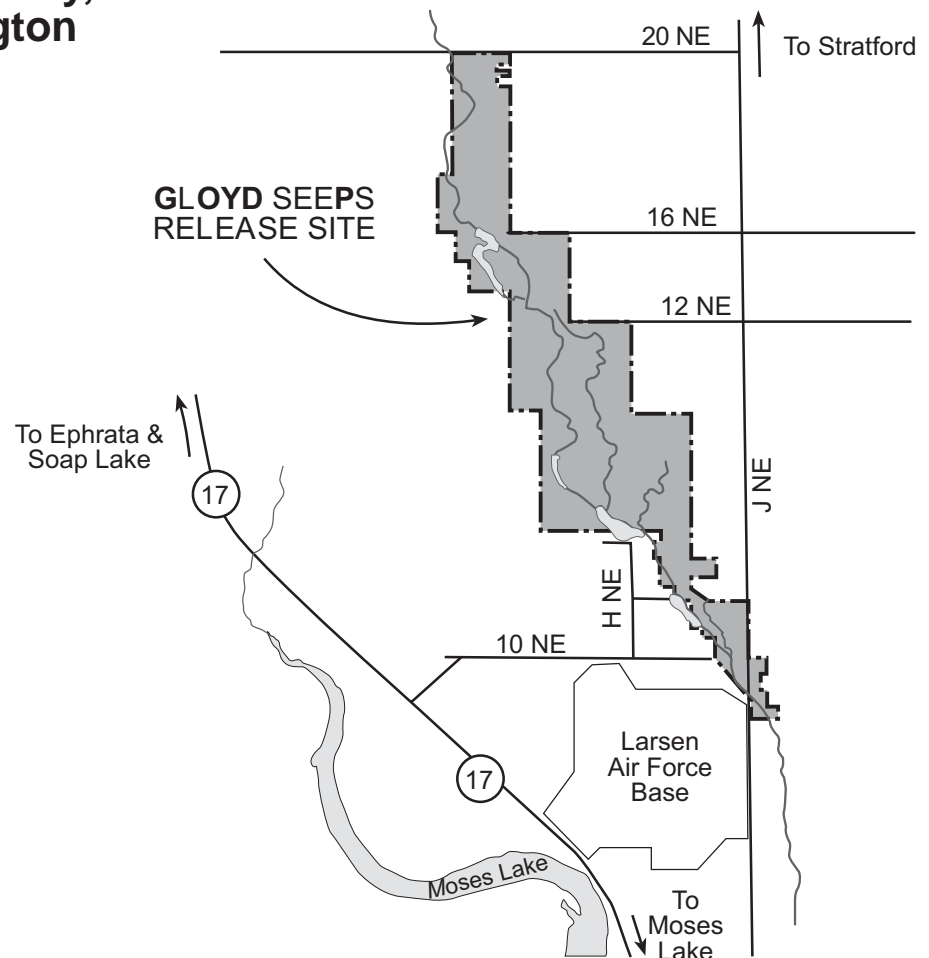


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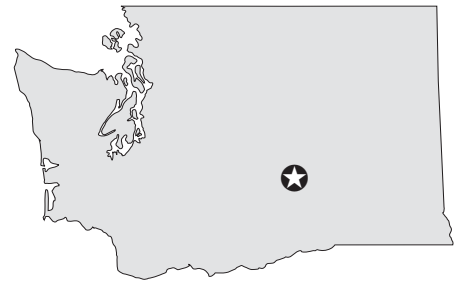
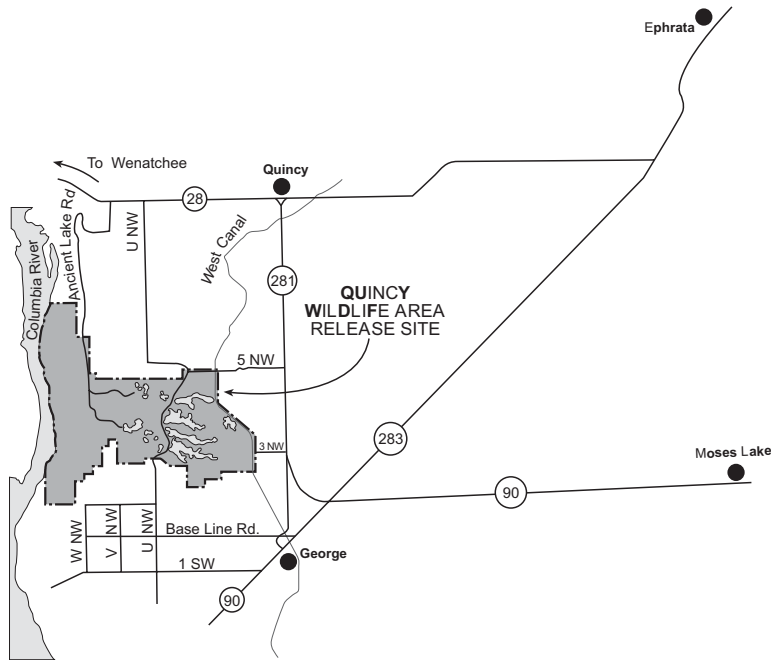


From Moses Lake, head north on Stratford Road (J NE). Most roads that travel west between roads 9 and 20 will take you to access points on the **Gloyd Seeps**.

GLOYD SEEPS RELEASE SITE Grant County, Washington

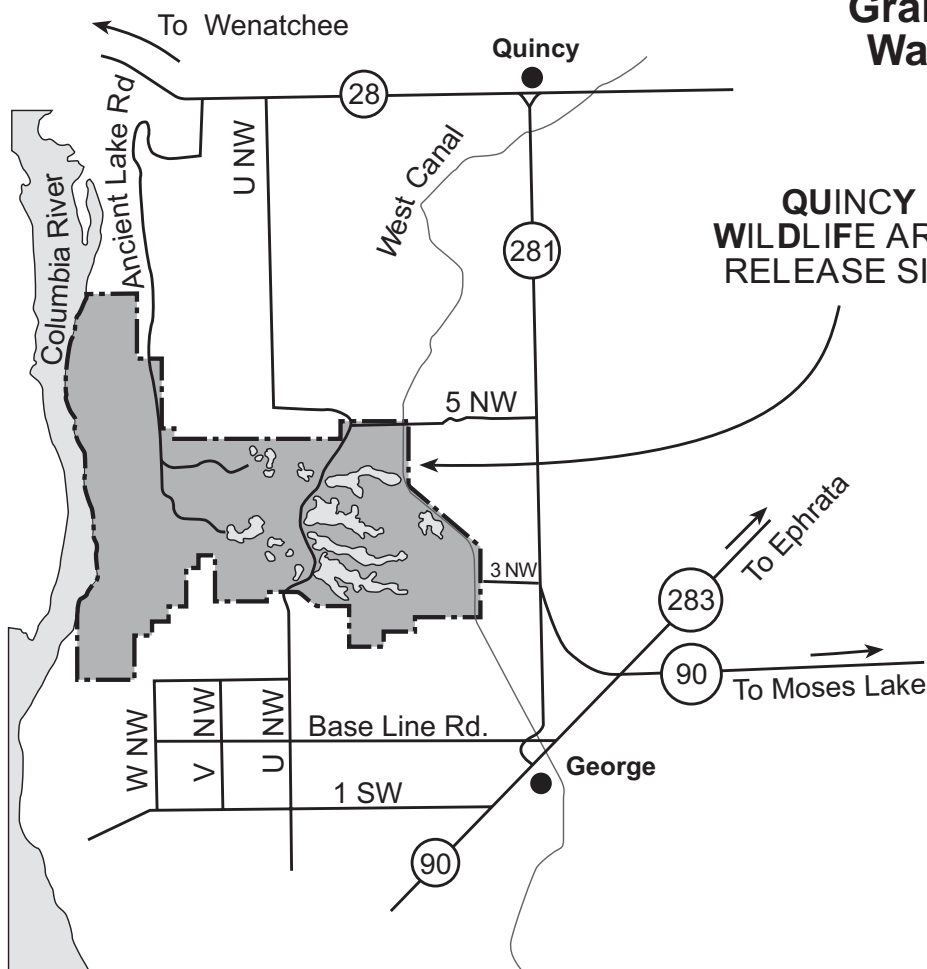


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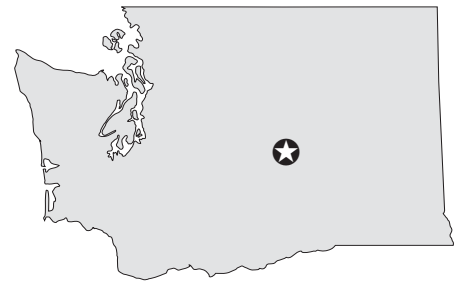
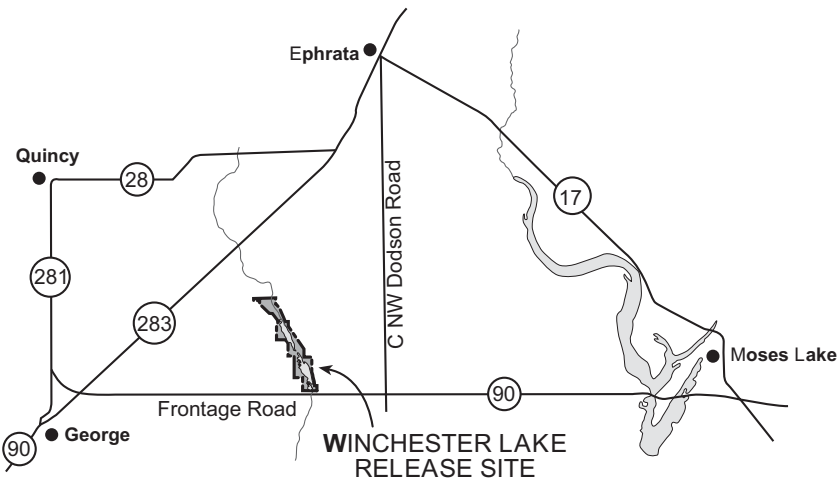


To reach the **Quincy Wildlife Area** release site, go north on Hwy 281 from the I-90 exit at George. Go west on Road 3 or 5 NW about 2 miles to the release site.

QUINCY WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE Grant County, Washington

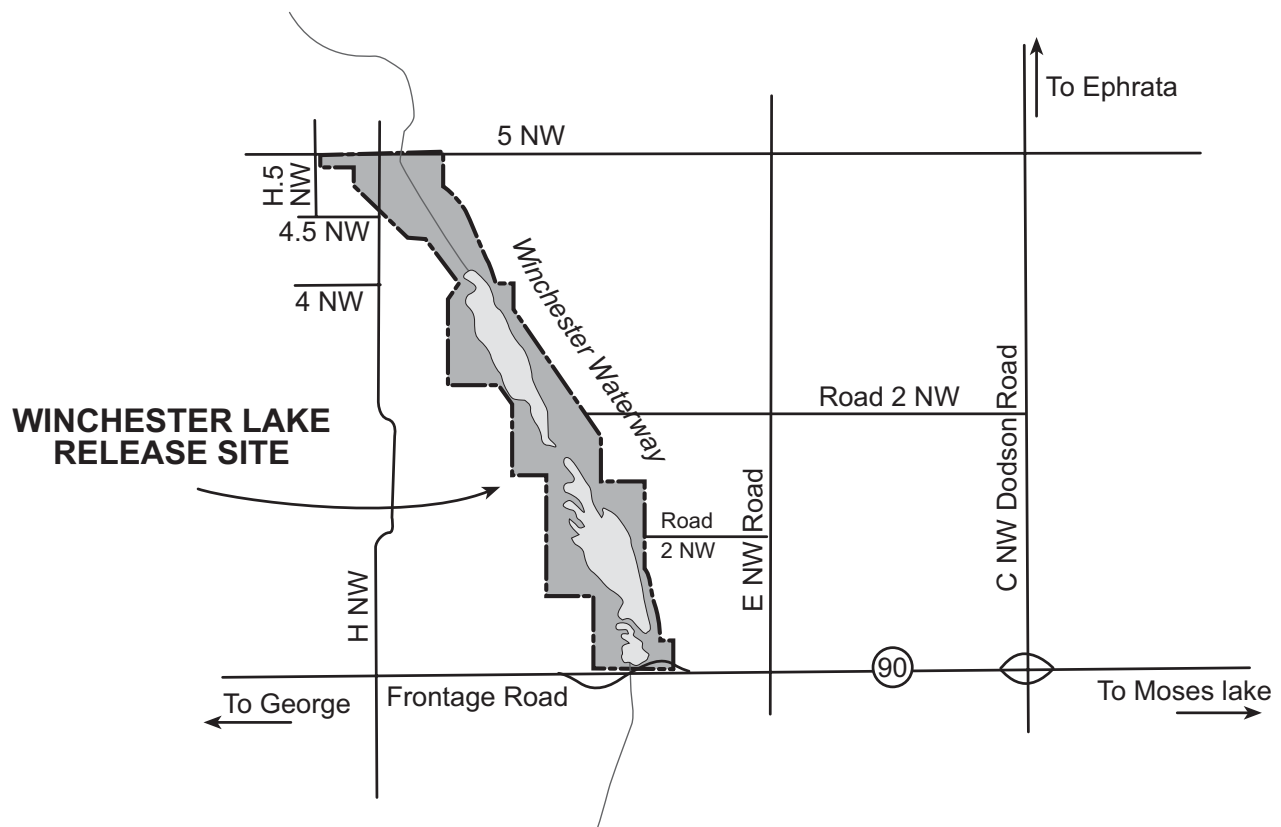


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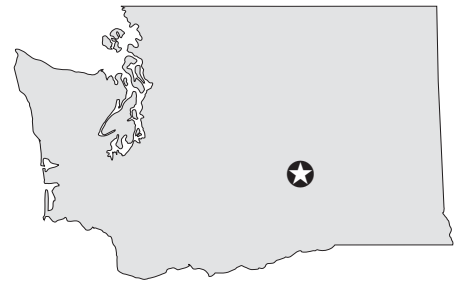
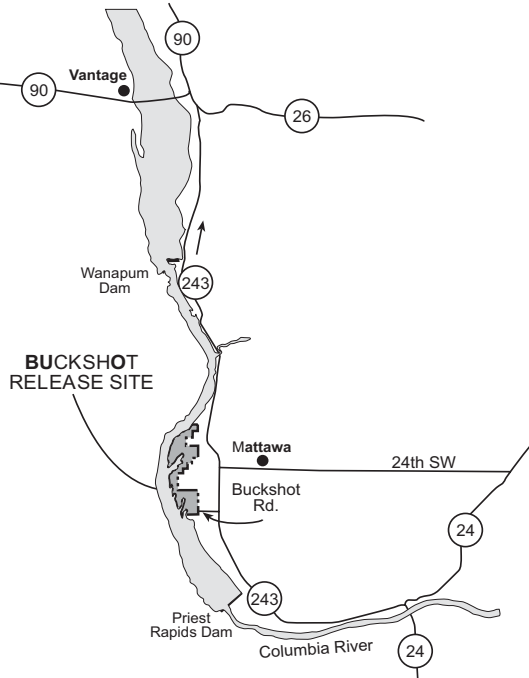


To reach the **Winchester Lake** release site, take the Dodson Road exit off I-90 between the towns of Moses Lake and George. Go west on the north frontage road approximately 3 miles or north on Dodson Road to Road 3. Go west on Road 3 approximately 3.5 miles, or go west on Road 5 approximately 4.5 miles to the Winchester Lake release area.

WINCHESTER LAKE RELEASE SITE Grant County, Washington

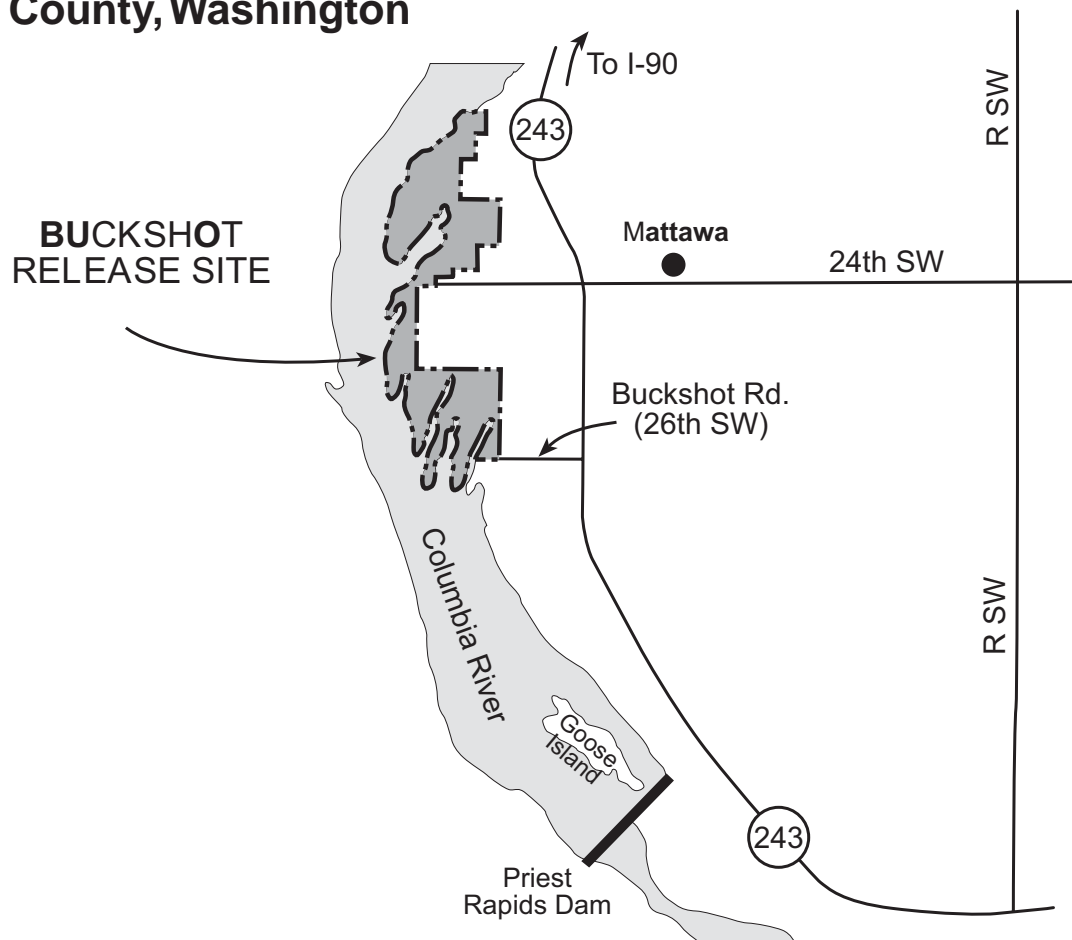


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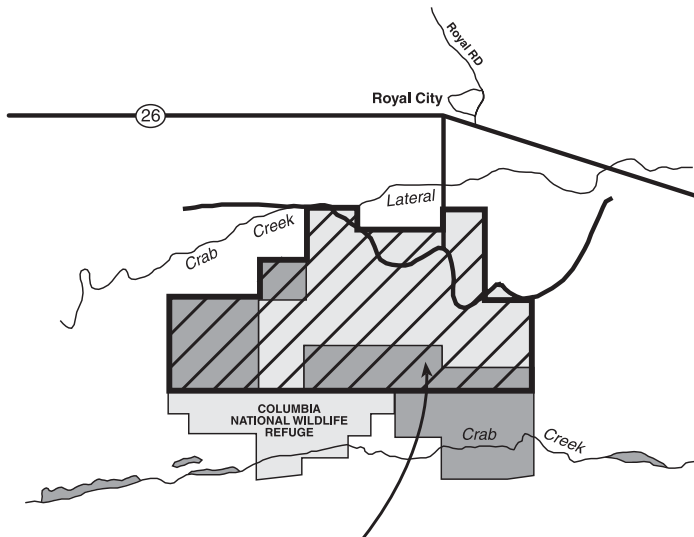


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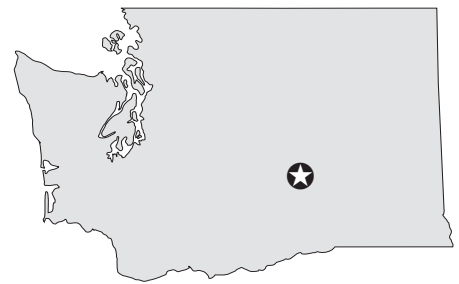
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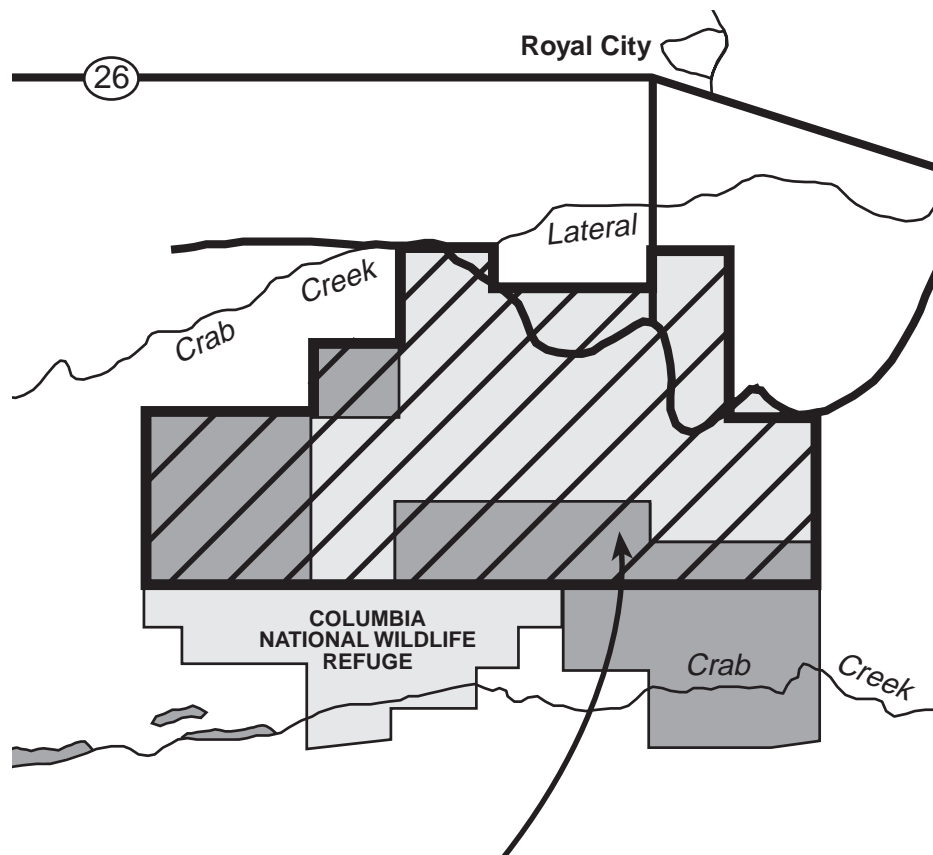


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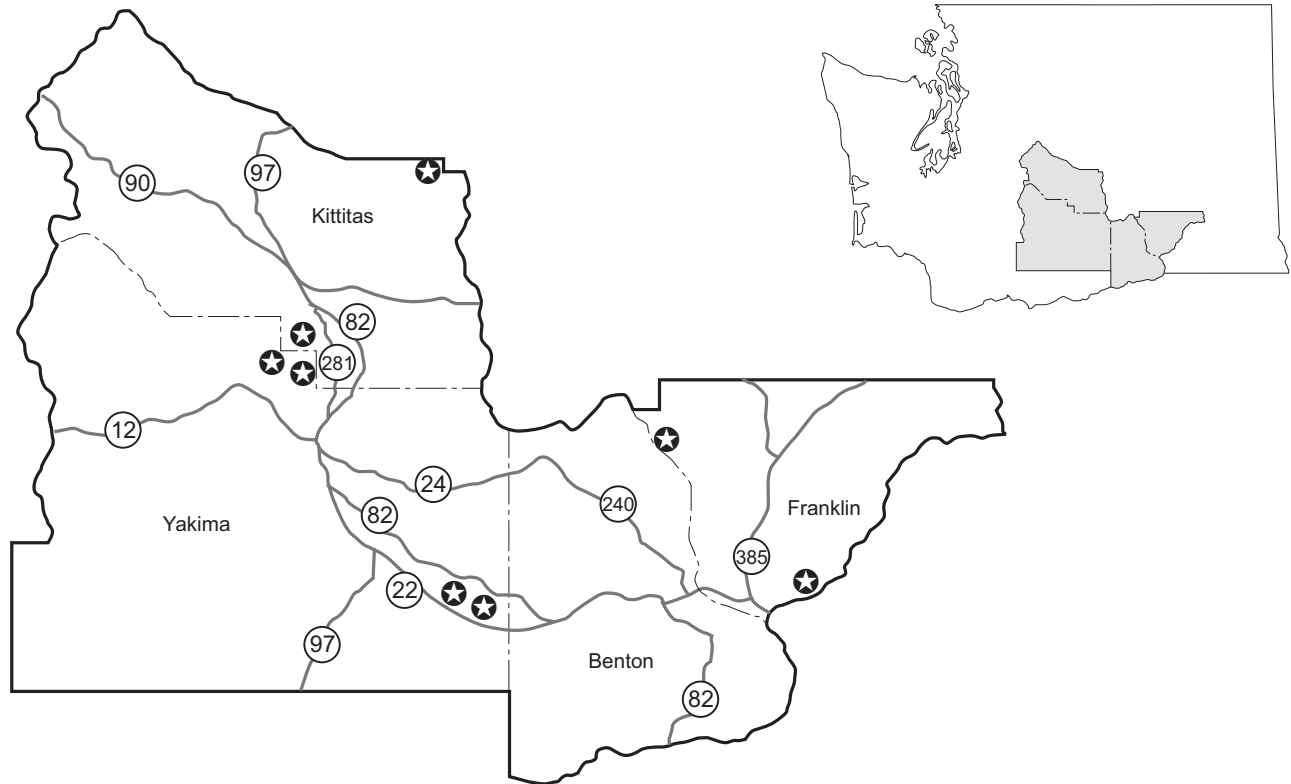
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REGION THREE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

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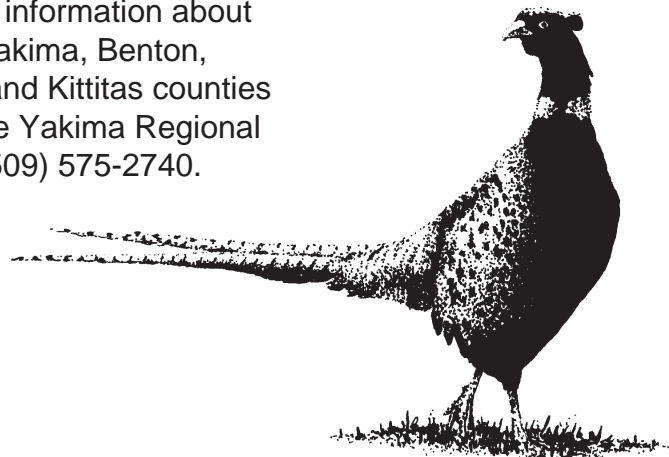


The best pheasant hunting in this Region is around the irrigated farmland in Benton, Yakima, and Franklin counties and along the Yakima river. A large part of the irrigated farmland in Yakima county is located on the Yakama Indian Reservation. Hunters interested in hunting on tribal lands should contact the office of the Yakama Indian Nation at (509) 865-5121, extension 666. For maps of WDFW owned and managed land along the Yakima river, contact the Yakima Regional office at (509) 575-2740.

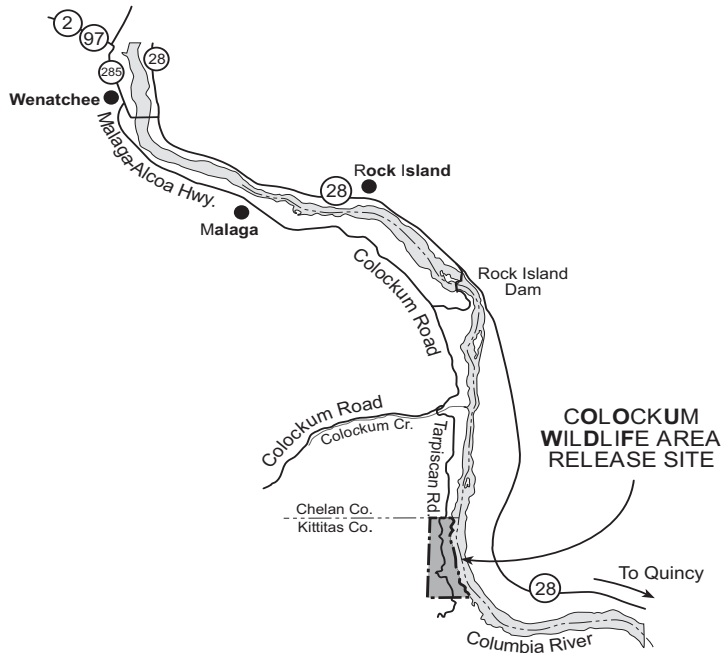
In addition to public lands, WDFW's Upland Wildlife Restoration Program has private land open for hunting under access agreements and a small number of pheasants are released on some of these lands. For information about lands in Yakima, Benton, Franklin, and Kittitas counties contact the Yakima Regional office at (509) 575-2740.

REGION 3

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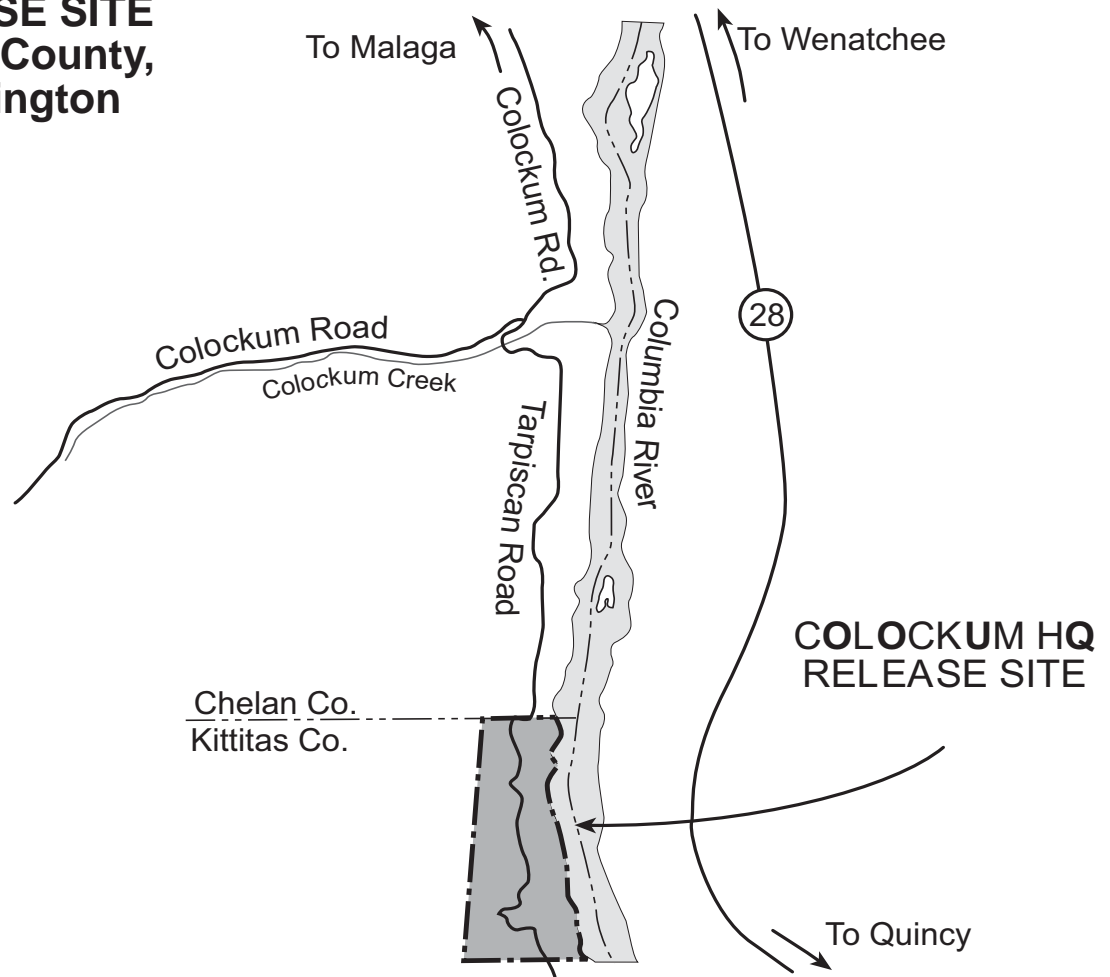


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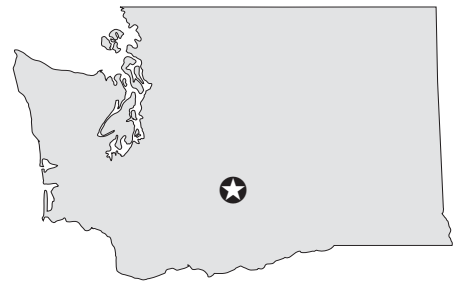
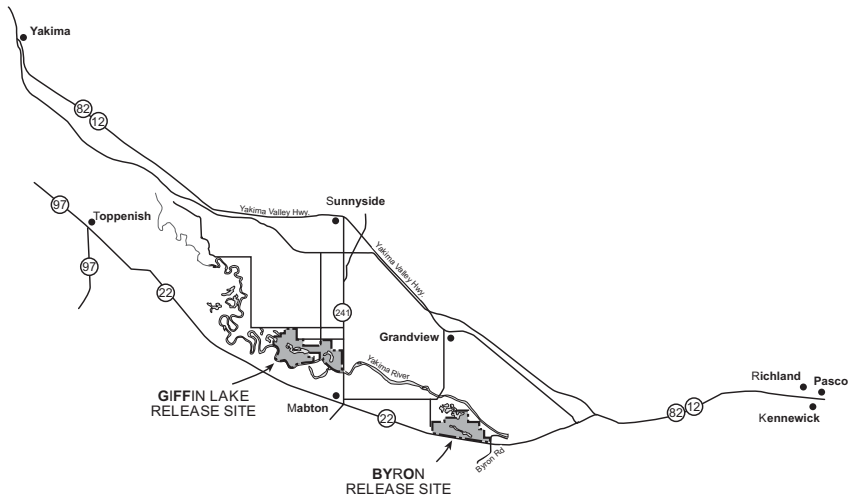


To find the **Colockum** release site, head south out of Wenatchee toward the town of Malaga on the Malaga - Alcoa Hwy. Continue south past Malaga onto Colockum Road. At Colockum Creek, head south on Tarpiscan Road to the release site.

COLOCKUM HQ RELEASE SITE Kittitas County, Washington



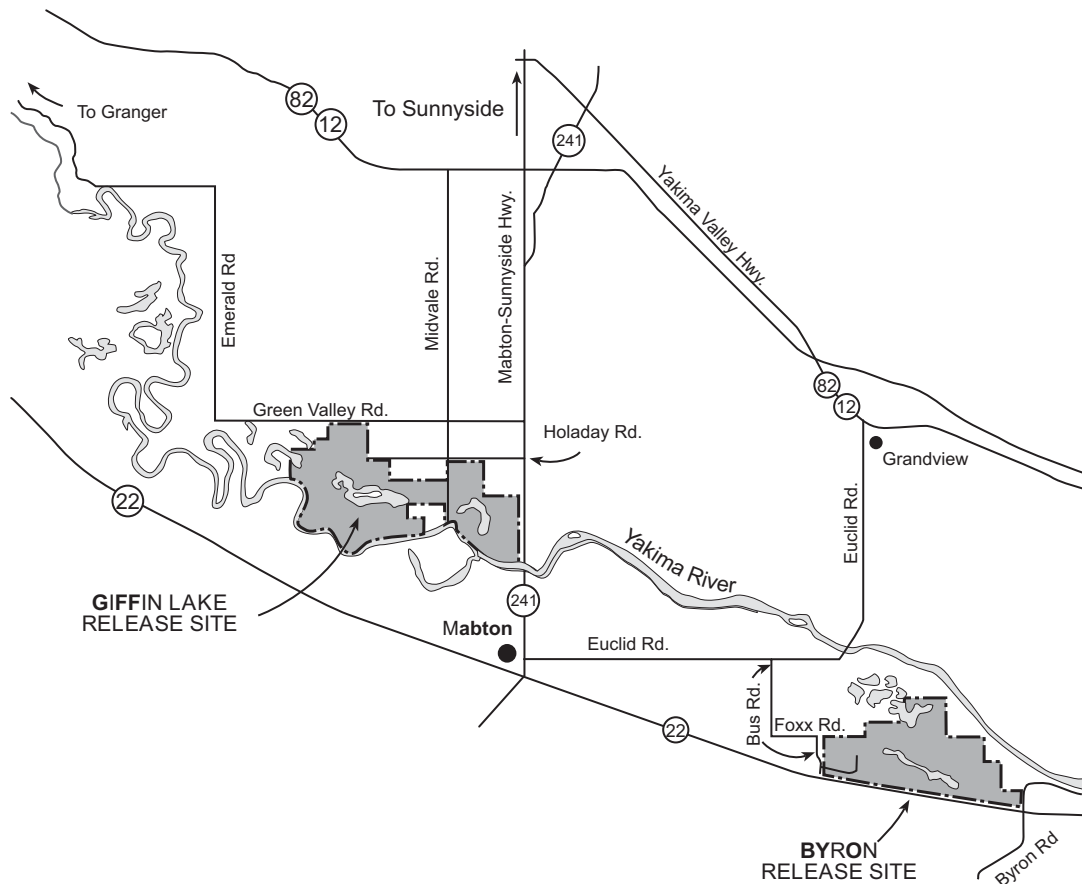
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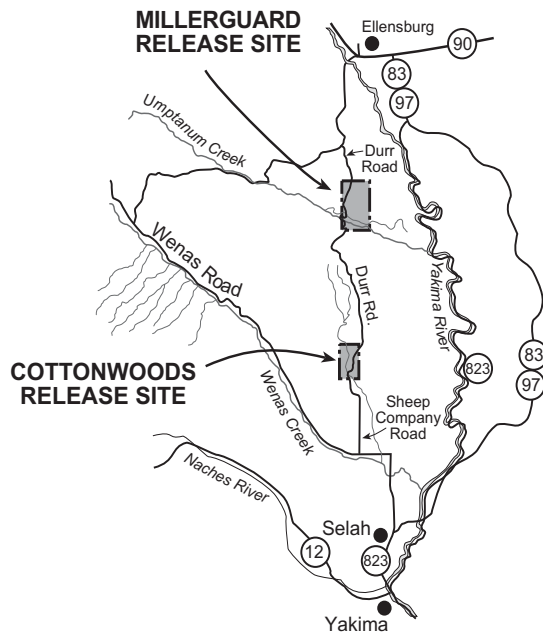
To reach the **Sunnyside Wildlife Area**, head south on Hwy 82 from Yakima. Take the Midvale Road exit at Sunnyside. Travel south on Midvale Road 4 miles to Holaday Road. Head west on Holaday Road to reach the Giffin Lake site.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
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SUNNYSIDE WILDLIFE AREA RELEASE SITE Yakima County, Washington

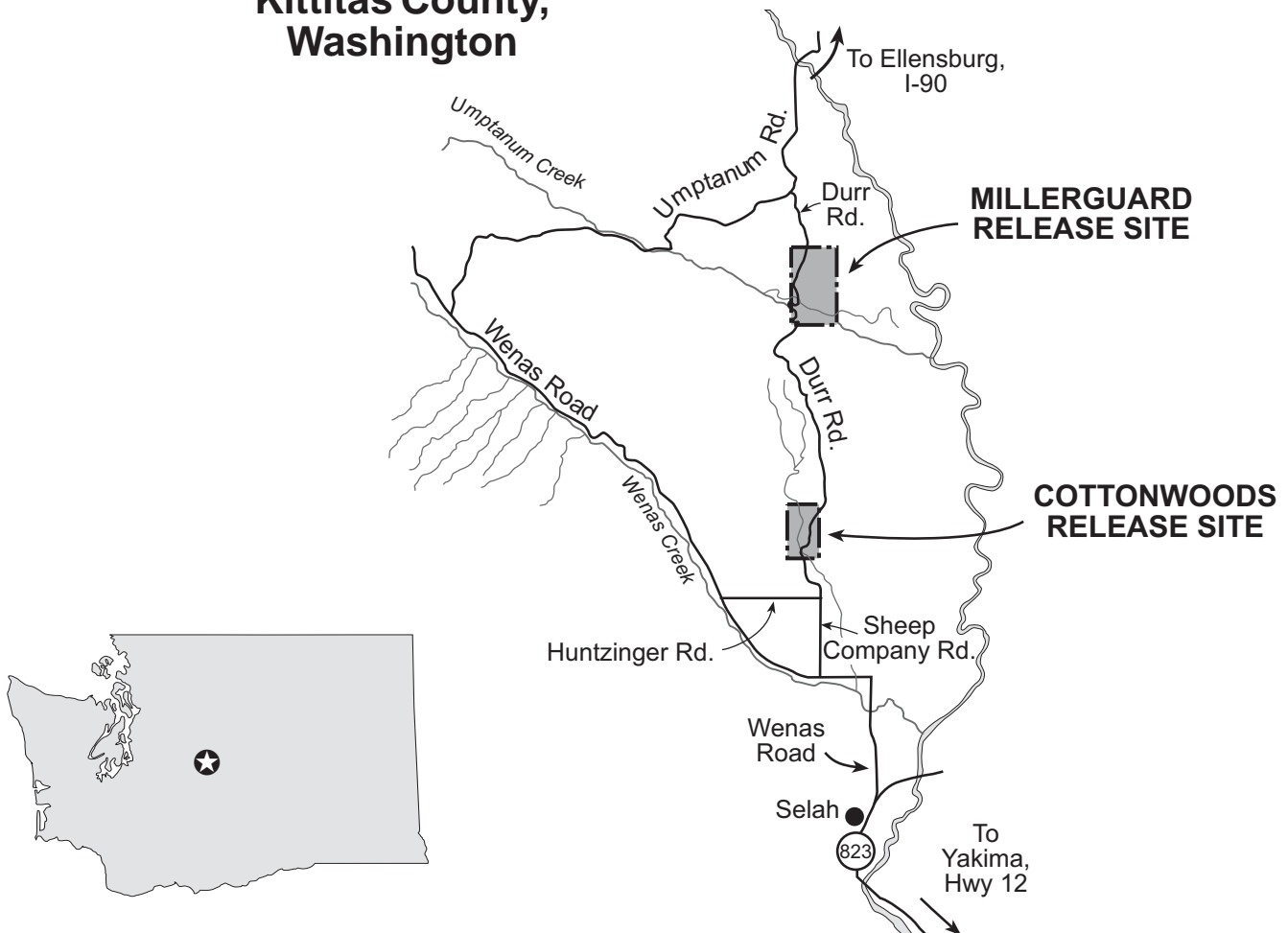


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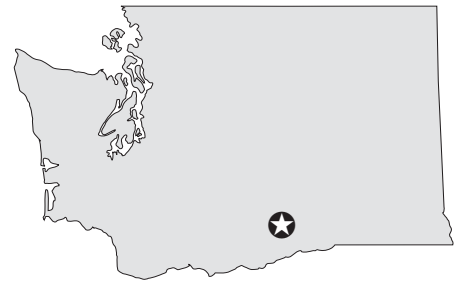
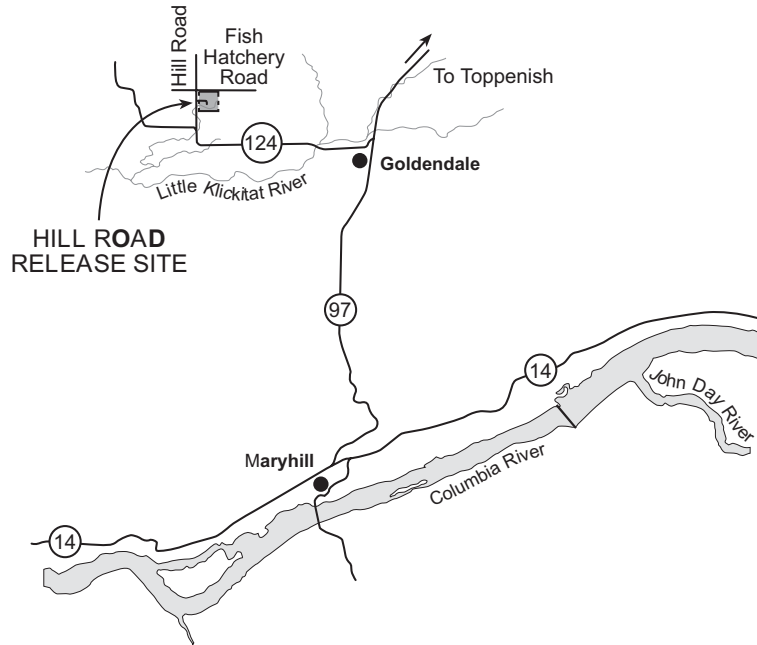


There are two sites on the Wenas Wildlife Area where pheasant will be released. The Cottonwoods site is the best accessed by taking the Selah exit off Hwy 82. Follow the Wenas Road north to the Sheep Company road. Turn north onto the Sheep Company Road and go approximately 4 miles to the release site. The Miller Guard site is accessed by taking the Canyon Road exit in Ellensburg from I-90. Head north and turn west onto Um(p)tanum Road. Follow the Um(p)tanum road about 5 miles and turn south on an unmarked dirt road (Durr Road) at the top of the hill. Follow the Durr Road about 3 miles to the release site. A primitive dirt road connects the two release sites.

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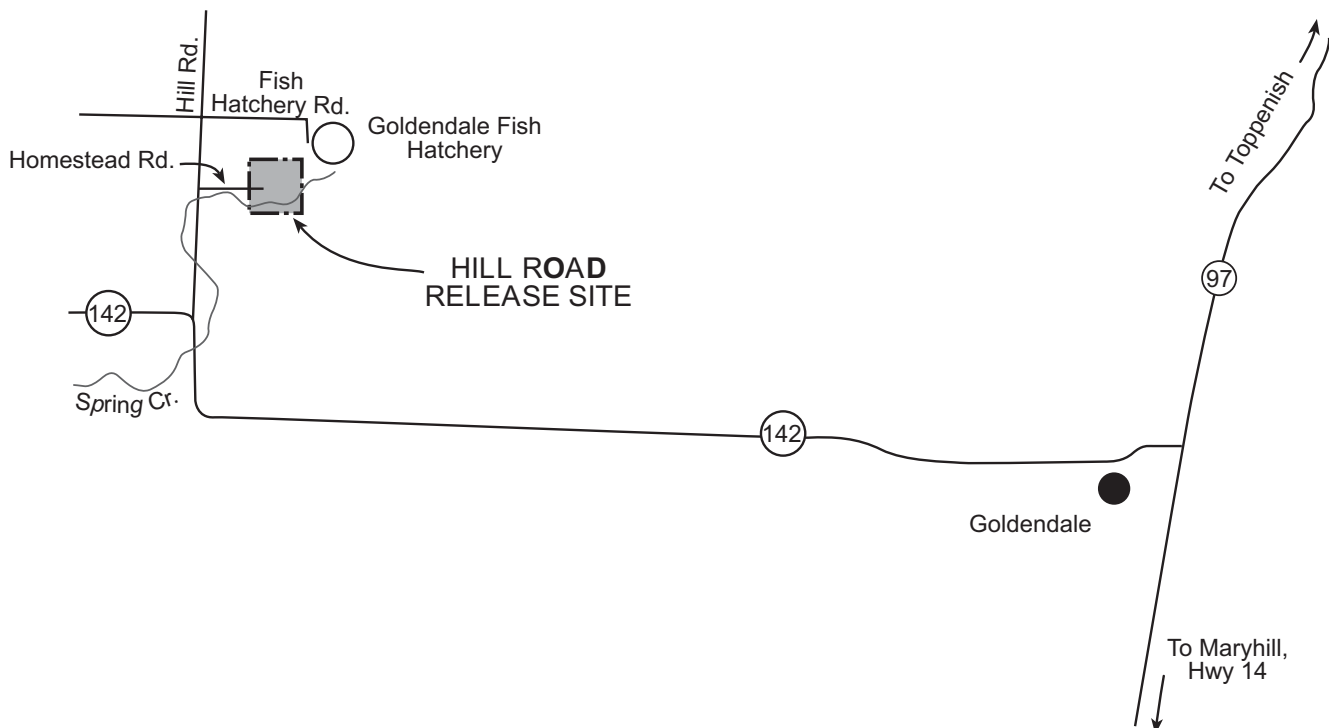


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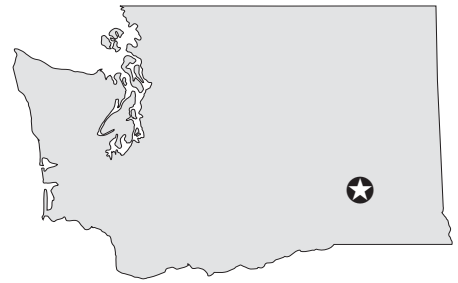
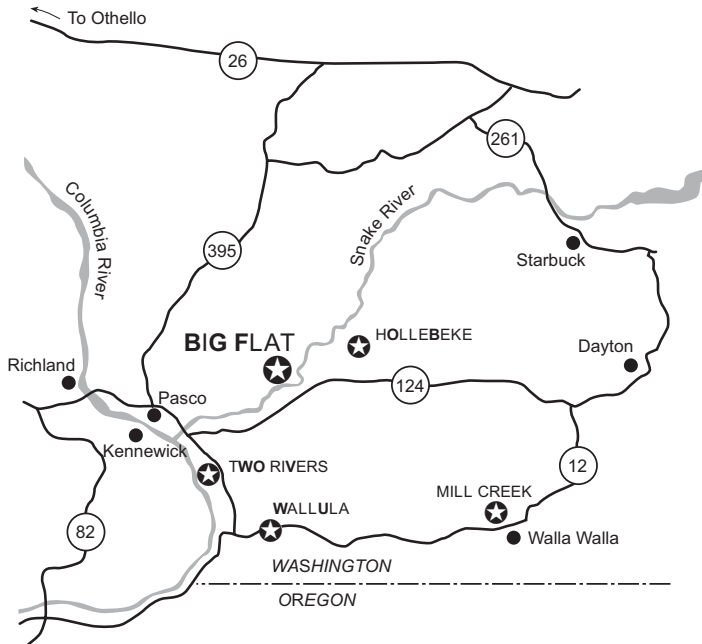
From the town of Goldendale, head west on Hwy 142 for 5 miles to Hill Road. Turn north on Hill Road and travel one mile to Homestead Road. Go east along Homestead Rd. into the release site.

HILL ROAD RELEASE SITE Klickitat County, Washington



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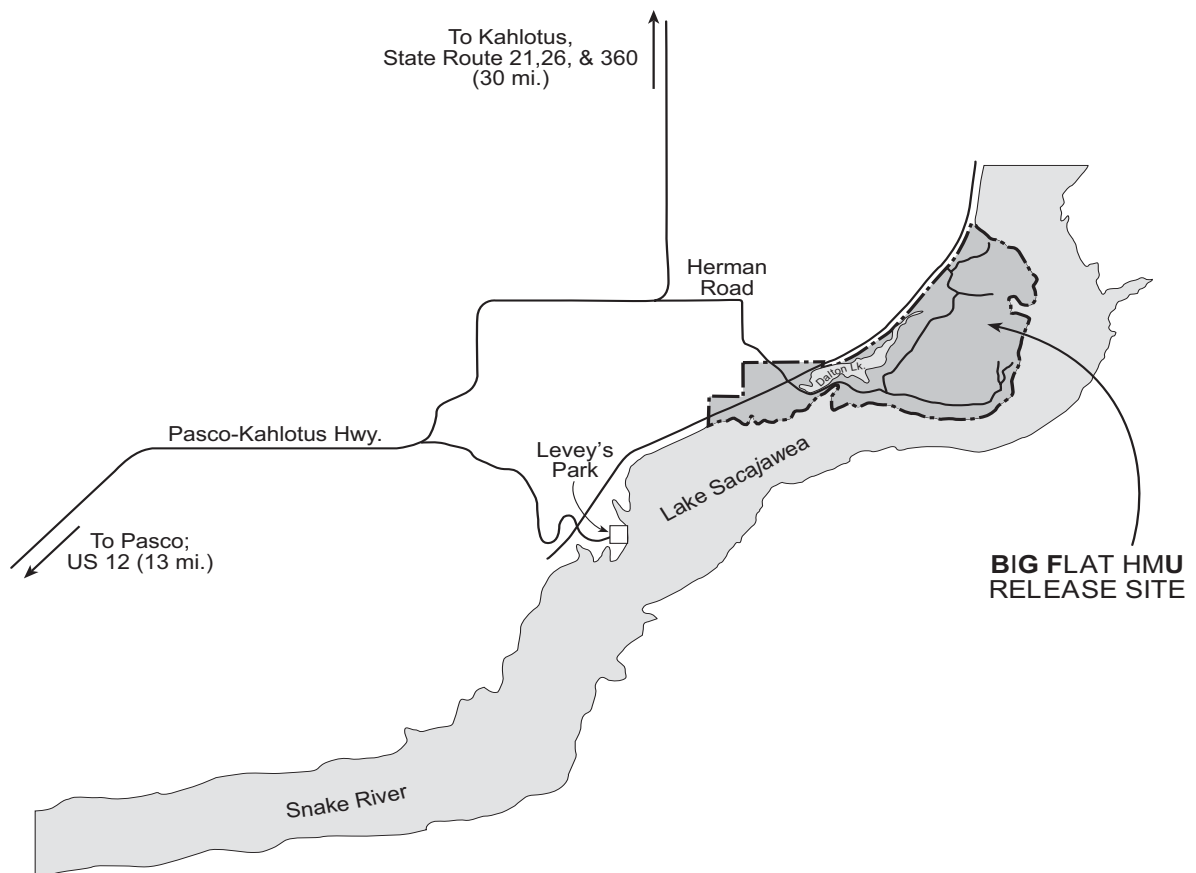
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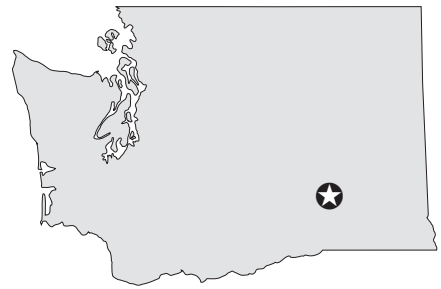
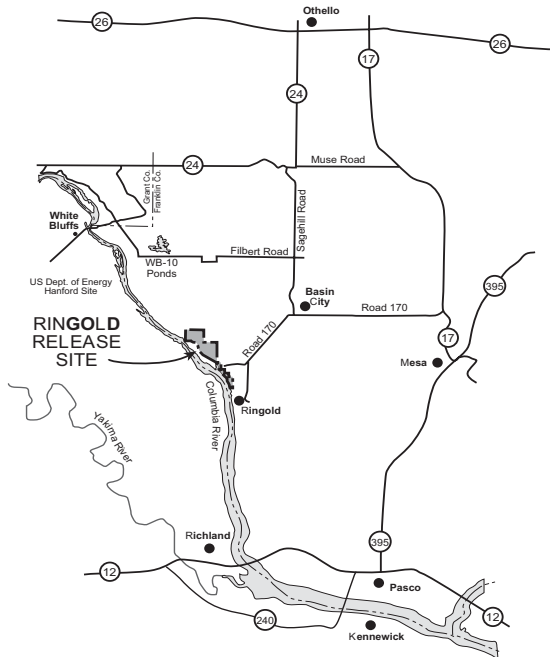
This site is one of several areas along the Snake River managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE). From Pasco, head south on Hwy 12 about 1 1/2 miles out of town to Pasco-Kahlotus Road. Go north on Pasco-Kahlotus Road about 12 miles, then turn east onto Herman Road and drive about 1 mile down to **Big Flat** release site.

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BIG FLAT HMU RELEASE SITE Franklin County, Washington



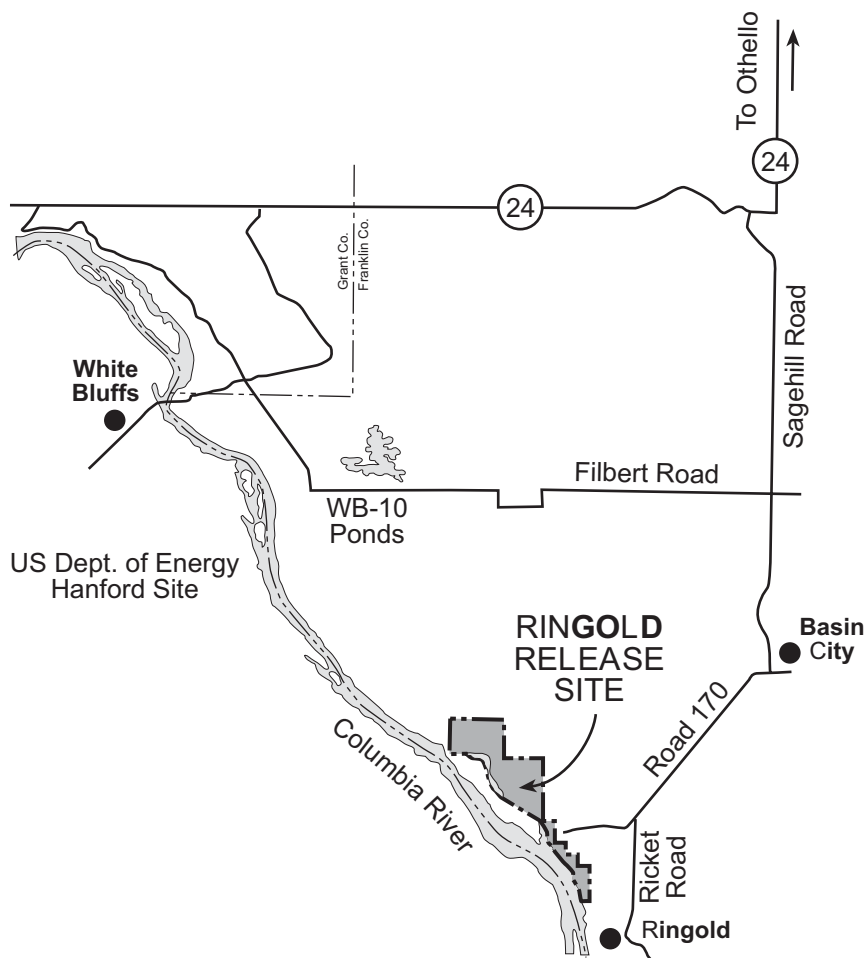
RINGOLD RELEASE SITE



To reach the **Ringold** release site head south on Hwy 24 from the town of Othello. Turn south from Hwy 24 onto Sagehill Road to Basin City. Take Road 170 west and continue to the release site.

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RINGOLD RELEASE SITE Franklin, Washington



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